

Recoding The Brain – Part 15
(The Vine And The Branch)

John 14:12 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.

We have seen "some of the works," but we have not seen anybody consistently doing the works at the same "Jesus Meeting" level as the Master did. What God calls believing and what we call believing are two different things.

John 14:13-14 KJV 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.

We have all seen some healed and some not healed. We must not lower the standard, the mark that Jesus set. Religion has lowered the mark by saying, "Well, I prayed, and I know that I believed, but they didn't get healed. Therefore, it must not always be God's will to heal." They have lowered the mark that Jesus set for us.

Jesus told Phillip, "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father." Jesus healed ALL who came to Him for healing. It is the Father's will to heal them all, first time, every time, no exceptions. THAT IS THE MARK! Even the Gentiles who came for healing of others received what they came for. Jesus never did anything that was not the will of the Father, so if you see all who came get healed one hundred percent of the time then you know it is the will of the Father to heal all who come to Jesus for healing.

In Matthew chapter seventeen a father brings his child to the disciples to have a devil cast out of him. The disciples could not get that devil to come out. If the story ended there, there might be some justification for the doctrine that says it is not always God's will to heal. But thank God the story does not end there. Jesus comes on the scene and casts that devil out and the boy is healed. That tells us it was the Father's will for that boy to be delivered and healed, even when the disciples prayed. Jesus told them plainly why they failed. It was because of their unbelief. That had believed the circumstances more than they believed in the authority Jesus

had given them. Jesus said that kind of unbelief only comes out through prayer and fasting.

They thought they were "believing" when, in truth, they were only partially believing. We have been doing the same thing. We are going to leave the standard, the mark, right where Jesus left it. There is no problem with the Word of God. The problem is with our believing, and that is what we are working on in this series. The Holy Spirit said to me, *"Believing is re-coding the mind. It is a biological, physical disconnecting of old neuropaths and a reconnecting of new neuropaths."*

Last year the Lord emphasized the instruction to, *"Humble yourself. Humble yourself. And when you think you cannot humble yourself anymore, then humble yourself some more."* During that time the Holy Spirit kept bringing us back to this passage,

Romans 12:1-2 KJV I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Jesus presented His body as a living sacrifice, holy, for the Father's use every day of His life. Not just the day He was crucified. He has empowered us through the new birth to do the same thing. That is the message of mortification which we all teach. The Lord is long suffering with us as we enforce dominion over our bodies through the mortification process. First you have to mortify the "deeds" of the body, but that is because there is still something in you that desires the sin.

Romans 8:13 KJV For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

During that time frame, you have stopped doing the "deeds," but something in you still wants to do them. True mortification is when nothing in you even desires those sinful things any longer. Stage one in Romans 12:1-2 is the mortification process where you bring your body under the dominion of your born-again spirit so you can present it holy to the Lord for His use.

Pastor Bronc often says, "I'm not going to trust my flesh until after I've been in heaven for thirty minutes." Ha! He is making the point ... don't ever trust your flesh. It is not saved and will always have to be kept under dominion.

Mortification is the first part of that passage, but edification is the second part. In Romans 12: 2, that word "prove" means to "prove by experience." You don't just "know" it. You can "demonstrate" it. In this series the Lord has me teaching "the mark" at such a level that, as of yet, I cannot fully demonstrate it. But we have to know what the mark is, or we can't press toward it. Even the apostle Paul did not count himself to "have arrived." And that was after he had healed the sick, cast out devils, and raised the dead. He said he was still "pressing toward the mark" himself. That means there is hope for us.

Philippians 3:12-14 KJV Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. [13] Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, [14] I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

The renewing of the mind spoken of in Romans 12:2 means we will become kingdom minded. We will think according to what is possible in the kingdom of God instead of our minds being limited to just the physics of this natural world. Jesus turned water into wine. There is no "grape" in H₂O. That is a creative miracle. That is not possible according to the natural physics of this world. But it is completely possible in the kingdom of God. Our thinking must be renewed, transformed, metamorphized to think, "All things are possible with God!"

Isaiah 11:1-2 KJV And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: [2] And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

While Jesus had His own physical body on earth, He was the Branch! The Father was the Vine, the life flowing from within Him. Jesus said, "It is the Father in me, He doeth the works." The Father was the Vine, Jesus was the Branch. Jesus called

His own physical body the temple. The LIFE of the VINE, flowing through the BRANCH, produces the FRUIT.

John 2:19-21 KJV Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. [20] Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? [21] But he spake of the temple of his body.

The Greek word Jesus used only referred to the Holy Place, the Inner Court, where the Holy of Holies was. Jesus was the Holy of Holies with legs. He brought the presence of God with Him everywhere He went. So do we. The Holy Spirit said to me, *"The King and the Kingdom are within you. Receive the revelation of how great is that King within you and how great is His willingness to use His power on your behalf and on the behalf of others."*

At one point they asked Jesus what must the people do in order to the works (plural) of God. Jesus answered by telling them THE work (singular) that was required of them.

John 6:28-29 KJV Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? [29] Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

John 6:29 AMPC Jesus replied, This is the work (service) that God asks of you: that you believe in the One Whom He has sent [that you cleave to, trust, rely on, and have faith in His Messenger].

The Sower sows the Word. The traditional teachings on that subject are valid. Yes, you sow the Word of healing if you need health. You sow the Word of prosperity if you need it. But ultimately, what "WORD" did God sow into you? He sowed JESUS into your heart when you were born again. JESUS IS THE WORD! The mystery of the gospel is,

Colossians 1:27 KJV To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Greater is HE (not it) who is in you, than he (the devil) that is in the world. Christ is in YOU! The GREATER ONE IS IN YOU! (1 John 4:4) As He is, so are we, in this world. (1 John 4:17) It is a transformation process. It involves a recoding of the brain where you first see it in the spirit. You see Christ in you doing the works. It requires a renewing of the mind so that Christ's thinking becomes Gary's thinking. I don't think like Gary used to think. I don't think the same way the world thinks anymore.

He recently said to me, *"Know that My Word is spirit. My Word is life. It has the capacity, still, to create all things whatsoever I have spoken. Preach My Word. I will provide the testimony. But see it ahead of time with the eyes of your understanding. See Me doing what I always do through My Son, Who now abides within you, says the Lord."*

When the Son was on earth in His own body, the Father ALWAYS healed every single person who came to Jesus for healing. Now the Son abides in us, and the Father is still doing what He ALWAYS does through His Son ... who now abides IN US!

John 15:5 KJV I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

It is Christ in us, and the Father in Him, doing the work. Not us! In the natural realm, what does the branch provide? It is a conduit, a pathway for the life of the vine to flow through. The life of Christ is to flow through us. Our job is to make sure there is no unbelief in that conduit that hinders the flow of LIFE from flowing through us. Unbelief hinders that flow. Unforgiveness hinders that flow. Not presenting your body holy would hinder the flow. The same way Jesus presented His body holy so the Father could flow through Him, so now we present our bodies holy so Christ can flow unhindered through us. The plan is genius and very simple.

Another thing the Father ALWAYS does through His Son is CREATE. He created everything through the Son.

John 1:1-3 KJV In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] The same was in the beginning with God. [3] All

things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

The CREATOR is on the inside of you! He creates grape from nothing and puts it in H₂O. God creates through the Son. At my age, my joints send the knowledge of "facts" to my mind like, "You are losing all the cartilage in your knees." In the world you simply think, "Yes, that's true because I'm getting older and that's just the way it is." NO! A renewed mind thinks, "The CREATOR is in me. You create new cartilage in my body. Whatever I ask in your name, you do it!"

THE work of God is that WE BELIVE ON HIM WHOM GOD HAS SENT ... IN US! We have the Creator on the inside of us. If you need something and it is not available, He will create it for you. I am convinced Jesus made the mud to put on the blind man's eyes were to remind him that God created man from the dust of the earth in the first place. He was letting the man know God was doing a creative miracle in his eyes. Jesus made the mud with His spit, put it on the man's eyes, and told him to go wash it off. When the man obeyed, the creative miracle happened, and he received his sight. (John 9:1-7)

God is so good to us that He made a way that He can use us even while we are in the "mortifying" stage of growth. We know this because He was using the baby Corinthian church in the gifts of the Spirit while they were still immature, baby Christians. The gifts of the Spirit are great ... gifts of healing, working of miracles, prophecy, etc. Thank God for them.

Paul said we are to covet earnestly the best gifts but "yet show I unto you a more excellent way." Then Paul goes into the love chapter (1 Cor 13) because God is love. If you are going to mature in God, you are going to mature in the love of God. Paul says maturity is the key to the "more excellent way" rather than remaining a baby only being used in the gifts of the Spirit.

Even nature teaches us that no plant on earth produces fruit until it comes to maturity. You don't plant a peach tree in the morning and expect to have peaches on your ice cream that afternoon. It will take several years of maturing before that peach tree produces fruit. The good news is, once a fruit tree matures and begins producing fruit, you don't have to replant it every year. It will keep producing fruit for decades.

You have been maturing for a long time. We are getting so close to the manifestation of a worldwide revival. We are close! Think of the forty years of preparation for Israel as the old died off and the new came to maturity in the wilderness. The day came when the Lord told Joshua that it was time to cross over and possess the land. Even after forty years of maturing, no doubt there were still some people who said, "I'm not ready."

Ready or not, we are going into revival. He will use us whether it by the gifts, or by maturity, but the time is upon us now. If you are still not presenting your body holy unto the Lord, I recommend turning up your prayer time and kicking in some fasting. I can tell you from experience that fasting helps deal with longstanding "stuff" that needs to be dealt with. Presenting your body holy unto the Lord is step one. That is Romans 12:1, the first part of your maturing into ministry.

The second part is Romans 12:2, where we renew the mind to the point we simply do not think like the world anymore. Our thinking is no longer limited by the physics of this world. We understand that the CREATOR lives in us and ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. We remain true to our "first love." Jesus is everything to us! We don't just love the kingdom. We love the KING!

We are all being renewed, transformed, metamorphized into something that did not exist before. Paul tried to describe this process in his letter to the Galatians.

Galatians 2:20 KJVI am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

I can relate with Paul to some degree because my life now ... it is me ... but it not the same me ... it is Christ in me ... it is Christ and me together in this physical body ... it is a "Christ me" if that makes any sense. I see more and more with His eyes. I feel more and more with His heart. I am actually beginning to love my enemies with His love for them. I am decreasing and He is increasing. It is truly a metamorphosis, a transformation into a new creature.

If we continue down through the rest of Romans chapter twelve past where Paul describes the various ministries, it begins to sound a lot like the love chapter in 1 Corinthians chapter thirteen.

Romans 12:14,17-21 KJV Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. [17] Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. [18] If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. [19] Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. [20] Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. [21] Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans chapter twelve is about maturity. It begins with mortifying the flesh and renewing the mind. It ends with being transformed into LOVE. Remember that our bodies are the temple of God.

1 Corinthians 6:19 KJV What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

The same Shekinah glory, the same presence of God, that dwelt behind the veil in the temple, now dwells within the veil of our flesh. We carry the very presence of God in us everywhere we go, just like Jesus did. We are the Holy of Holies with legs now.

I am a branch. You are a branch. The branch does not provide any power. The branch is a conduit through which the power flows. The life of the vine flows through the branch to produce the fruit. What is the job of the branch? To let the life flow through it to produce the fruit. The job of the branch is to not be pinched or restricted through unbelief, unforgiveness, disobedience or doubt. The job of the branch is to allow the full flow of the life of Christ through us to produce the fruit in this world. We are going to see a lot of fruit.

THE BEST IS YET TO COME!