Dear Friend,

For many years I have known that what man calls "believing," and what God calls "believing," are two different things. That is easy to prove simply by looking at the following statement by Jesus:

John 14:12 KJV Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that <u>believeth</u> 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.

He said those that "believe" on Him will do the same works, and even greater works. I thank God for the few healings and miracles we have seen sporadically, but we have not seen anybody consistently "doing the same works" Jesus did.

When was the last time you saw the blind restored to sight? When was the last time you saw a leg, or an arm, grow out ... during the service while you watched ... on somebody who was missing that body part? Such things were normal occurrences during the "Jesus meetings" that He held while on earth in His own physical body.

I have sought the Lord often on this subject of "believing." I would say, "Lord, it seems to us that we are believing. But it is obvious from the lack of manifestation of your power that we are not. Please help us understand what believing really is."

Recently 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." I had never heard anything like that in my life. I began doing research on the subject both from the Word of God and from scientific data about neurons and neural pathways. That launched a teaching series at the website titled RECODING THE BRAIN. I highly recommend that series to you. It is available for you at no charge.

One of the best examples of this is found when Paul was preaching at a city called Lystra. We are simply told that Paul was preaching the gospel. Look at the results:

Acts 14:7-10 KJV And there they <u>preached the gospel</u>. [8] And there sat a certain man at Lystra, <u>impotent in his feet</u>, <u>being a cripple from his mother's</u> <u>womb</u>, <u>who never had walked</u>: [9] The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and <u>perceiving that he had faith to be healed</u>, [10] Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

Think about the neural pathways that existed in this man's mind before he heard Paul preach the gospel. He is a grown man and has lived with this birth defect his whole life. His mindset had to be something like, "I was born with a birth defect in my feet. I have never been able to walk. The doctors have said there is nothing they can do for me. I have always been a cripple. I will always be a cripple. I will never be able to walk." These are the neural pathways that would have existed in his mind based on a lifetime of natural "facts" from his experience.

Paul after having preached the gospel, perceived that this man "had faith to be healed." How does faith come?

Romans 10:17 KJV So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The cripple was hearing Paul preach the gospel. The word "gospel" in Greek simply means "good news." Paul was preaching the good news about the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Paul was preaching the gospel and the man was listening. That is how faith comes. Paul preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the truth of the gospel was able to penetrate that man's brain to remove a lifetime of neural pathways in that man's brain and replace it with a new neural pathway ... "Messiah will cure me of my birth defect."

This is the POWER of the gospel. It has the ability to destroy neural pathways based on a lifetime of "facts," and replace them with new neural pathways based on "truth." Jesus Christ is the truth. God's Word is truth. No wonder Paul wrote,

Romans 1:16 KJV For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the <u>power</u> of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

The Greek word translated "power" in that verse is "dunamis." Which means ... raw, explosive power." It is where we get our word "dynamite" from. I was meditating this passage of scripture, and the Lord showed me a little mini vision of what was happening as the crippled man was listening to Paul preach the gospel. In this vision, I saw a highway in this man's mind labeled "Birth Defect" and suddenly I saw an explosion of dynamite that blew up that highway and instantly it was replaced with a new highway labeled "Healed."

The gospel of Jesus Christ is power ... it is dunamis ... it has raw, explosive power with the ability to blow up any neural pathways of "impossibilities" in our brains and replace them with the truth of God's Word.

How bold Paul's preaching must have been in Lystra. Not only was he preaching Christ and Him crucified concerning salvation, but in order for that man to receive faith to be healed of a birth defect, Paul's preaching had to include the stripes Jesus took for our healing. Paul's message must have included something like, "Messiah will not only save you from hell, He will also heal your diseases, and cure you from birth defects." How else would "faith to healed" have come to that man as he listened to Paul?

We have entered the edge waters of the greatest revival the world has ever seen. Our gospel must be the same as the gospel that was preached by the first apostles. We will soon be giving altar calls not only to be born again, and to be healed ... but we will be giving altar calls for those with birth defects to be cured, in the name of Jesus. We who believe on Him will do the same works. Amen!

THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

Your fellow servant for Christ,

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