

LOOSING SUBSTANCE

MATTHEW 14:25

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

MATTHEW 14:26

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

MATTHEW 14:27

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

MATTHEW 14:28

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

MATTHEW 14:29

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

MATTHEW 14:30

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

MATTHEW 14:31

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

MATTHEW 14:32

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

PERFECT. FAITH_ JEFF. IN V-6 N-11 SUNDAY_ 63-0825E

105 Peter, he was doing all right till he got scared. The Word told him, he could walk on the water. He was scared first, he

thought it was a--a ghost, and he said, "Lord, if it be You, bid me come to You on the water. "

106 Said, "Come on. " Now, that's just the same as James 5:14, same as Mark 16. The same God said It, said, "Come on. " And so he started walking. He done all right, got down out of the ship, started walking on. . .

107 There was a storm on the sea, you know; great, whitecap waves, bigger than these hills around here, the foam breaking on top of them; terrific, maybe fifteen, twenty feet foam, the whitecaps breaking. And that was a terrific thing for him to ask,

"If it be You, Lord,. . . " See, He looked like a. . . there looked like a shadow or a spirit. He said, "If it's You, bid me come to You on the water. "

108 Jesus said, "Come on. "

109 And he stepped down, said, "It's the Lord, I'll just walk. " But when he got his eyes on the waves, he got scared. What come in his mind? First thing, he. . . "I'm going to walk because the Word said for me to walk. " And the next thing, he looked at his. . . well, he looked at his symptoms;

he looked out there and seen how big them waves was, and he got scared; and when he did, down he went. See? What he feared, happened! What he believed, happened! When he believed he could walk, he walked; when he believed. Got scared in his belief, then his substance left him. See?

He still professed his faith, but he didn't have the substance. The substance would have went right over top of that whitecap and went right on to Him, see, if he has the Perfect Faith. See? But he didn't have it. He thought he did. He did at first, he was willing to venture right out,

"Why, the Lord told me to do it, it's got to happen. " So he just steps right down out of the boat, and takes off. He never thought about the--the--the--the waves, how contrary they was. He never got that in his mind.

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110 Now, when you get to thinking, "Well, now wait. And, you know, I've been sick so long, I. . . " Stop! You just might as well go back to the boat. See? See? But when you quit thinking about that,. . .

111 "Abraham considered not his own body, now dead, neither the deadness of Sarah's womb. " He didn't think about that, didn't even consider it. It wasn't even brought into--to understanding. He didn't even consider at all; he just considered what God said, and he went on. As--as long as Peter did that, he walked.

LISTEN AT A DR'S PERSPECTIVE OF FEAR

Fear is the mind projecting within itself images of what it does not want to happen. If the fear is not recognized and dealt with early on, it can and will find root within our consciousness. When this happens fear then becomes a daily occurrence,

and if these thoughts are allowed to repeat themselves over and over again, they will eventually take an imprint on a subconscious level. Once this happens the subconscious mind begins to attract the exact experiences we have been projecting.

It is like driving a car in reverse when we want to go forward. There is no point complaining, "What is wrong with this car?" Instead ask yourself, "Why do I have the car in reverse?"

Likewise when you are in the grips of fear ask yourself, "Why am I projecting images in my mind of events that I don't want to happen?"

HEBREWS 11:1

1 Now faith is the *SUBSTANCE of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

SUBSTANCE: hupostasis {hoop-os'-tas-is}

Confidence, a setting or placing under; thing put under, substructure, foundation, that which has foundation, is firm; that which has actual existence;

a substance, real being, the substantial quality, nature, of a person or thing, the steadfastness of mind, firmness, courage, resolution; confidence, firm trust, assurance

SIRS. WE. WOULD. SEE. JESUS_ NEWARK. NJ WEDNESDAY_ 57-1211

E-54 Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence that something's happened of things not seen. It's not just--just a make belief, and say, "Well, oh, yes. Hallelujah, I got it. "

That's been too much in you Pentecostal people to begin with. You're rejoicing about something that you don't have. Faith is absolutely a substance. It's not a hope. Hope isn't--hope isn't. .

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Faith is the substance of things hoped for. But when faith takes it, it becomes the substance that you hope for (See?), the evidence of things not seen.

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E-55 One of the managers, Dr. Vayle and I was arguing that for an hour and a half the other day. He tried to say hope and faith is the same thing. I said, "No, hope is what you're looking for, and faith is what you got by hoping. "

That's right. Certainly. It's not a hope any longer when you've got it. It's yours. It's in possession; you got it just as happy as you can be, for it is the substance of things hoped for.

HAVE. FAITH. IN. GOD_ CHICAGO. IL SUNDAY_ 58-0105

E-6 Faith is a substance of things hoped for; the evidence. . . To have an evidence, it must be a substance. So it is not just

something that you imagine in your mind; it's something that absolutely, you have.

It's something that you possess in your own being. And what is it? It's the evidence of things that you have hoped for. It's the evidence of things you do not have as yet, but you have the authority of God to say that you have it. It's an evidence, something you have in your heart.

FAITH. BY. EXPERIENCE_ MIDDLETOWN. OH TUESDAY_ 58-0325

E-8 Now, faith is a substance. It's like this. Perhaps, what if I had. . . Well, you found me somewhere starving to death, and I told you I was hungry.

And one loaf of bread would save my life, and you'd reach into your pocket and give me twenty-five cents, say, "Here, Brother Branham. You don't have to starve; I'll give you twenty-five cents to get a loaf of bread. " Now, I'd be just as happy with the twenty-five cents as I would be if I had the bread.

Why? I've got the purchase power of the loaf of bread in my possession. Now, I cannot eat the twenty-five cents, but the twenty-five cents will buy the bread. And now, faith is the twenty-five cents.

If you've got the faith in your heart, you're just as happy with the faith that your crippled hand will move, as you would be if you were moving it, because it's--the faith is the purchasing power of your healing.

Now maybe with the twenty-five cents,

I'd be just as hungry as I was before I received the twenty-five cents. And I might have to go several miles before I could get the loaf of bread. I might have to go through the briar patch; up over the mountain;

cross over the bridge; wade through the water. But all the time I'm going, I'm rejoicing because I've got the purchasing power of that loaf of bread.

PERFECT. FAITH_ JEFF. IN V-6 N-11 SUNDAY_ 63-0825E

79 If--if you had cancer, and the doctor told you yesterday that you'd be dead before Monday morning, (all your heart, your respiration's gone, the cancer's eat you up, your bloodstream's become completely cancer,

whatever it is); and Something come with this substance of this genuine faith, Perfect Faith was made a substance in you, you'd laugh in that doctor's face.

80 You'd be like old Elijah, when he walked up-and-down before the idol, and said, "Won't you call a little louder? And maybe he's pursuing. " He knowed what he was going to do,

because God had told him what was going to happen. He said, "Let the god that answers by fire, be God. "

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS. 1_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0823M

942-96 There's actually six senses in a human body, because he is number six in the Bible. He was created on the sixth day, and he is number six--a man is. And he's got see, taste, feel, smell, hear, and faith.

His faith sets his destination, where he's headed for. Now, faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things you do not see, taste, feel, smell, or hear. But by faith, when he catches the Word, It sends him into a dimension

(See?) that makes It so real to him, till he's just as good as got it in his hand. He knows it's going to happen.

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GOD'S. COVENANT. WITH. ABRAHAM. AND. HIS. SEED_ SIOUX. FALLS. SD THURSDAY_ 56-0223

E-9 Unbelief if there's no value in unbelief at all. . . And unbelief accompanies fear (See?); unbelief accompanies fear. When you go to reasoning and wondering (See?), then you began to fear. . .
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GO. WAKE. JESUS_ TUCSON. AZ SUNDAY_ 63-1103

115 You go to the doctor, he'll say, "Well, I'm sorry to tell you, but you--you have cancer. " Well, quickly, that's all. "He--he--he's dead. That's just all there is to it. Or, she, they're gone. " The doctors say, "Well, that's paralyism.

You can't. . . That's leukemia. " Well, right quick, "They're as good as dead, right then. " See? Fear sets in, see, but it shouldn't.

116 And when trouble sets in, and faith of Him being with us. . . Then fear sets in. And when fear sets in, then we really got trouble.

LISTEN TO THIS

A wheelchair bound patient was told by a dr. that she had Parkinson's Disease, but she went to another dr. who told her she didn't by the end of her visit, she was jogging down the hall. A man died of cancer,

yet the autopsy showed there were not enough cancerous spots in his body to have killed him. A priest administers the last rites to the wrong patient, and that patient dies unexpectedly.

These patients all had different diagnoses, yet they were all affected by the same cause. It has been proven that fear can cause disease, and even death. Though this idea is not new, our understanding of it is progressing because of new technologies that give us a window into the brain.

Since 1961, the term "nocebo phenomenon" has been identified. According to this reverse placebo effect, a patient will become sick or sicker after being told of negative side effects, or on being informed of specifics about an illness just diagnosed.

THE. SUPERNATURAL_ OWENSBORO. KY SUNDAY_ 56-0129E-28 And you take a--a man setting here this morning that's not a bit sick, and let him begin to get in his heart, believing he is sick, they'll pack him out of the building. As your faith is, so be it unto you. That's not Christian Science. I'm not meaning mind over matter. But you see, the thing of it is, it's the atmosphere that you live in.

Research has demonstrated this effect. In one experiment, 66% of the volunteers complained of headaches after being told an electric current was applied to their heads. In actuality, no current was really applied. In another study,

women holding the belief that they were prone to heart disease died at four times the rate of those who didn't hold such a belief, even though they all started out with the same risk factors.

However, now we know that stress is not always involved in the development of a mind-body illness. In the Parkinson's case previously mentioned, the patient was misdiagnosed with Parkinson's after falling and developing an inability to walk, which wasn't related to her injuries.

After being convinced by another physician that the problem was in her head, not her legs, she was able to get out of the wheelchair and walk with help, then even jog with no other assistance than a handrail.

Many researchers have studied the fear of aging and documented that those who believe their memories will soon fail actually undergo memory problems sooner than others in similar condition, but minus the belief. In cultures which value the aged, mental ability does not deteriorate until much later,

if at all, than in societies where people are defined as elderly at age 65. If people live in an environment which views aging as disease, such as that of an assisted living facility, they will age faster than those who live in a mixed-age community where they are not expected to act differently just because they are over 65.

The most exciting news about the mind/body phenomenon comes from a cell biologist who has evidence documenting just what biochemical mechanisms facilitate it. Bruce H. Lipton, PhD, challenges the traditional cell theories which basically define cells as inflexible, created to do only one job or job type.

Instead, he considers them as robotic, like computer chips in a computer, in that they can be reprogrammed to take on different jobs.

Cells are built to act on their own, and they can even live independently, in a laboratory environment. But in a community environment, once it becomes integrated, the cell's individuality becomes subjugated. The community as a whole receives operating messages from the life force, not the individual cell.

The cell director, the power behind the reprogramming -- the life force -- is the person. It is the information-receiving process, as messages are sent to the cell for action, that determines the cell's behavior,

not some built-in, fixed programming. Cells can become cancerous because they were told to do so. Fear is often the operative that drives such instruction.

For example, doctors today push all the new diagnostic toys they possess and encourage patients to have mammograms, colonoscopies, etc. , with the explanation "we tell everyone of this age to get one, because such and such a percent of people this age will get" cancer, polyps etc.

Combined with this are the incessant magazine and TV ads for pharmaceuticals purporting to treat the various maladies.

Such seeds sow fear in people's minds, consciously or subconsciously. Where previously the person hadn't even considered the possibility of colon cancer, now he or she starts worrying about it. Every little abdominal pain feeds the worry.

Lipton says that the current high rates of colon and rectal cancers are linked with the amount of information in the media that there is a high rate of colon and rectal cancers.

Evidence for the above process goes back to studies done in the 1920's. Dr. Walter Cannon, a Harvard University professor, coined the term "homeostasis" to describe the organism's need for mental and physical balance throughout the organism.

His research resulted in the acceptance of the "fight or flight response. "

More recent research by Candice Pert, a neuropharmacologist, explained the workings of neuropeptides, the chemical messengers that are essential to the mind-body relationship. She found them on both the brain's cell walls and on those of the immune system.

Their presence in both demonstrates their close relationship, which means the brain and emotions are closely related to the immune system as messages are transmitted back and forth.

Remember the lady in the wheelchair? She demonstrates that there is good news: the mind-body relationship can also work in a positive direction.

THE. BEGINNING. OF. JESUS. FAME_ CONNERSVILLE. IN FRIDAY_ 53-0605

E-5 As long as you're doing what He says do, and you know you're directly led, well then there's nothing to fear. Perfect love

casts out all fear. There's no fear in God. Love takes away fear.
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A. PERSONAL. EXPERIENCE. WITH. GOD_ CHICAGO. IL SATURDAY_ 54-0724
E-43 "Perfect love casteth out all fear. " And when fear is gone,
faith is perfect. You're scared He won't keep His Word, but I
believe that He does. . . .

THE. UNPARDONABLE. SIN_ JEFF. IN V-26 N-8 SUNDAY_ 54-1024
30 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest
by the blood of Jesus,
Think of it: no fear. That's the greatest plague there is in the
Christian Church today, is "afraid. " And the reason they're afraid
is because they're not taught right, and settled right, on the
Gospel.

FELLOWSHIP_ MINNEAPOLIS. MN SUNDAY_ 56-0212
E-5 Perfect love casts out all fear, and you. . . As long as you
got fear you can't have faith. So you got to have love first. It
drives all fear out, and then--then faith comes in, takes the place
of fear. . . .

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LOVE_ SASKATOON. SASK SUNDAY_ 57-0519E
E-35 That's where the church is. You're always scared it's not
going to happen. That's the reason it don't happen. When that
fear. . . Love casts out fear. When you got love, fear is gone.
But as long as you got fear, love cannot operate.

SIRS. WE. WOULD. SEE. JESUS_ EDMONTON. AB SUNDAY_ 57-0804E
E-4 So if the Church only knew its position. . . And the greatest
hindrance in the Church is fear. They're afraid that it just won't
work. Well, it--it just won't, for you, that way. It just is not--will

not work that way; it must be absolutely believers, not make-believers, but believers from your heart.

GOD. PROJECTING. HIS. LOVE_ EDMONTON. ALBERTA TUESDAY_ 57-0806

E-14 Love has no fear. Love casts out fear. And I notice in my meetings, so much that when I come into the people. . . One of the great things I find among them is fear. And what makes fear is lack of confidence.

If you lack confidence it'll make you fear. But if you love, it casts away that fear. And that's the way God wants His Church, not so many as charter members; He wants members that's loyal, and loves, and believes, and has confidence in Him.

LOVE_ HARRISONBURG. VA FRIDAY_ 58-0314

E-20 perfect love casts out fear, and that's the reason people won't take God at His Word for healing. They don't love Him well enough, because you're scared He won't keep His Word.

That's the reason that people fear somebody else will say something against them if they receive the Holy Spirit. They're afraid somebody will laugh and make fun.

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