# THE CHURCH 248 RECONCILIATION THROUGH KENOSIS 125

#### **II CORINTHIANS 10:4**

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

#### **II CORINTHIANS 10:5**

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

#### **PHILIPPIANS 4:8**

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

EVERLASTING.LIFE.AND.HOW.TO.RECEIVE.IT\_ JEFF.IN V-26 N-12 FRIDAY\_ 54-1231

45.....You just imagine somebody hates you, once. And they don't hate you, but you <a href="IMAGINE">IMAGINE</a> they do, and you just keep thinking, "They don't like me." And the first thing you'll be shunning that person, when they haven't done nothing to you. And after while, it become so a reality to you, till you'll actually believe that that person doesn't like you. And you'll might bawl them out or say something to you, for instance your wife, or your husband, or some neighbor, or something like that, when, the person is absolutely innocent of any ill thing. It's because that you just <a href="IMAGINE">IMAGINE</a> it so, till it become a reality to you. Now, see what I mean?......

THE.MESSIAH\_ SHREVEPORT.LA TUESDAY\_ 61-0117

E-33 Here the other night I saw on a telecast of a man with **psychic mental faith** set a glass of water and stood back and kept concentrating on that glass of water till it bursted it, just by concentration, watching that glass of water. And the glass

cracked and the water run out: **just pure mental consecration**. Why? That's his fibers. That's his makeup. If he can do that--got a power in him by mental thinking that can break a glass of water, and him being a sinner, **that shows that there was something made in that man**. He's in a fallen--fallen, perverted condition. But if that man can only get back to God, and let God get into him, why, with that power turned loose of the Kingdom of God.....

PERFECT.FAITH\_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 SUNDAY\_ 63-0825E

9 **I get spells too, you know; I get moody.** I get to a spot to where I... What gets me, is where I get to those spells when I get all overworked, and Satan comes telling me, "Why, nobody cares for you. You really haven't got a friend in the world, see." And so that...

10 Remember, I'm not immune to the temptation. See, I got to overcome that......

Clinical studies show when we fill our minds with **negative thoughts**, it may become easier to give in to feelings of helplessness and despair. **These feelings can lead to unhealthy behaviors that REINFORCE negative thinking patterns**.

Negative thinking can have a significant impact on our hormones and the body. A report from the <u>University of Minnesota</u> examines how negative thoughts and feelings can activate the body's stress response.

Stress triggers the release of cortisol and other hormones that can cause physical and emotional distress. **This cascade of hormones increases inflammation in the body,** leading to a higher risk of developing illnesses such as heart disease and diabetes.

Negative thinking can also affect **our relationships** in a variety of ways. For example, **negative thought patterns can lead to avoidance behaviors**, such as closing yourself off from others or refusing to engage in meaningful conversations. **As a result, negative thinking often leads to increased feelings of isolation and loneliness.** 

Some behaviors to look out for that indicate negative thinking include: Jumping to conclusions, Blame shifting Making assumptions, Expecting the worst, Making comparisons, Overgeneralizing

These behaviors can lead to resentment or mistrust, making it difficult for people to build a strong connection.

Negative thinking can be a powerful force in our lives, and it can have a negative impact on our mental health and well-being.

If left unchecked, negative thoughts can take a toll on our physical health, relationships, and daily functioning.

THE.POSITION.OF.A.BELIEVER.IN.CHRIST\_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY 55-0227A

E-25.....See, we have lots of hope, but not much faith. So we want to change from hope today to positive faith. And there's only one way we can get positive faith: that's by positive thinking of positive things.....

BLIND.BARTIMAEUS\_ SAN.FERNANDO.CA TUESDAY\_ 55-1115

E-29......when you get to thinking about Divine healing, get to thinking about Christ... **Keep Him on your mind.** "If there be any praise, if there be any virtue," the Bible says, "think on these things."

If any thought comes by, "Well, maybe it couldn't be so. Maybe..." Get it off your mind right quick. **Think on things that's positive.** Never let a negative thought pass through. The... Don't let it stop, anyhow, if it starts to. **Keep your thoughts positive: Jesus**.

BLIND.BARTIMAEUS\_ SAN.FERNANDO.CA TUESDAY\_ 55-1115 E-30 Don't think, setting there in a wheelchair, you, that you're hopeless, helpless. You're not. **Don't let that negative thought ever pass through.** Don't let it anchor. You can't help it from going through your mind (That's right.), but don't let it stop......

GOD.USING.HIS.GIFT\_ SHREVEPORT.LA SUNDAY\_ 56-0311E E-30......The Bible says, "If there be any praise, if there be any virtue, think on these things."

"Wonder if I'll be called in the prayer line?" "Wonder if God will speak...?" Don't think that kind of a negative thought; don't let it go through your mind. Make every word positive, and every thought positive......

Our amazing brain can make decisions and respond quickly to threats for our safety and survival. When we stress, worry or have negative thinking, we trick our brains into believing that there is an immediate threat. As a result, our fight or flight response kicks in to deal with the event.

Our brains are pre-wired to respond to negative thoughts and feelings more quickly. When we think positively, our brain assumes that everything is under control and no action is needed.

Recent studies show that <u>psychological stress</u> is causing an overuse of this powerful safety system, **weakening our immune system and causing disease to set into our body.** 

Negative thinking is causing more harm to our bodies and brain than we realize.

Thinking negatively about your problems not only doesn't help solve anything, it actually makes it harder for you to think of a helpful solution.

# AMYGDALA, (AMIGDALA) MEMORY AND NEGATIVE THINKING

If you have a tendency to over-react to stress, it could be due to changes in your brain brought on by negative thinking. **Negative experiences are stored in the brain by the amygdala.** The amygdala is also responsible for the brain's fight or flight response. The prefrontal cortex regulates our response to stressors.

Someone who is faced with a stressful situation like being in a traffic jam normally assesses the level of threat to their safety and concludes that the threat is less than the annoyance factor and talks themselves through relaxing until it is over.

In contrast, someone who has been previously exposed to stress that was life-threatening might see the traffic jam **as a threat to their safety and respond as if they are under attack**.

They lack the ability to distinguish between the true threat and the perceived stress and over-react.

#### **POSITIVE THOUGHTS**

As far as your brain, **every thought releases brain chemicals.** Being focused on negative thoughts effectively saps the brain of its positive forcefulness, slows it down, and can go as far as dimming your brain's ability to function, **even creating depression**.

On the flip side, thinking positive, happy, hopeful, optimistic, joyful thoughts **decrease cortisol and produce serotonin**, which creates a sense of well-being. This helps your brain function at peak capacity.

Happy thoughts and positive thinking, in general, support brain growth, as well as the generation and reinforcement of new synapses, especially in your prefrontal cortex (PFC), which serves as the integration center of all of your brain-mind functions.

Although you'll always have stress and obstacles in your life, **they don't have to define your mindset.** As you learn to replace pessimistic thinking with optimism, your life can be more abundant and fulfilling. You will have the occasional storms, but your positive outlook becomes your <u>umbrella</u>.

LAW CHICAGO.IL SATURDAY 55-0115

E-18......Now, it's a strange thing that this is so much thought of people; they say, "Well, I'm weak; my faith is not very much; I'm not a very good Christian." That's just what the devil wants

you to say. You're just talking his language right then. See? You mustn't never say that. Don't never let your testimony be negative; let it be positive all the time. "I am saved. I have God in my heart. I believe Him with all my heart." Do you believe in Divine healing? "With all of my heart." Let your--your testimony always and your thoughts, everything... Never permit a negative thought to come in your mind if you can help it. When it starts that, don't entertain it. Well, you say, "I can't help the thoughts from coming." Well, that'll be like the farmer that said he couldn't stop--he couldn't stop the birds from flying over his place, but he could sure stop them from roosting." So that's a--that's a good thing. You see? You can't help the thoughts when they come, but don't--don'tentertain them; just pass it on. "No, sir. Jesus Christ is my Saviour; all things are mine by God. And I--I'm going to keep them. I'm going to testify of them."

And God can only bless you as you confess that He has done it for you. See, He's the High Priest of our confession. Is that right? Hebrews 3. He said that He's the High Priest of our confession. He can only do for us as we **ACCEPT** it, and **BELIEVE** it, and **CONFESS** it......

## **BRO. BRANHAM OPENING UP ABOUT HIS COMPLEXES**

STANDING.IN.THE.GAP\_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-7 SUNDAY\_ 63-0623M 117......And a--a Voice got to talking. I was talking to Him.

- 118 It said, "Carry out your plans and you'll be like that." I said, "Lord, I don't want to be like that."
- 119 Said, "Your wife will go, too. She won't live up there in them hills like that. **And you'll become a bum just as the dream showed you you would**."
- 120 I said, "I don't want to be that, but the... I--I--I don't want to have to live like that. I--I want to do something different. But I--I was told that--that You had called me to be a--a prophet, and

I want to live in the wilderness like the prophet." But I was using my own excuse so I could hunt; my own good.

121 And He said, "But that was the prophets of the Old Testament. You've been called to be there in a much higher office than that." He said, "You have more gifts besides that. You was called to pray for the sick and to preach the Gospel. And in the apostolic form, you know of--of greater things, many great gifts." He said, "Why do you wait for Me to move you every time you move? Where is your reward?" Then I seen. And then said, "Do you remember?" I told you...?... "Do you remember what Brother Roberson told you in your dream, in his dream, or vision? That you had done like Moses. You've forgot the feeling of your people. You forgot the call that I called you to."

STANDING.IN.THE.GAP\_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-7 SUNDAY\_ 63-0623M 122 **I let the sick lay.** I want the Lord to tell me where to go and not to. That's wrong. **I had built myself a complex, because the people didn't hear my Message.** And if you'll... And God forbid that I'll try to compare the life of now like Moses, but it's exactly what Moses did. The people wouldn't listen to him when he come to deliver them, so he just left them alone and went into the wilderness, but God turned him around. And he had long forgot the suffering people.......

STANDING.IN.THE.GAP\_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-7 SUNDAY\_ 63-0623M 161 Moses lost the feeling of his people because they wouldn't listen to him. And, Brother Roy, you see your dream? And now I cannot go, with a ministry like that, until I feel different in my heart about it, no matter if God did tell me. But that is that change that Brother Roy... that seen coming. Something's got to change me, because I, in my heart, if I go out there feeling the way I do now; I still feel that they ought to have heard that Message, they ought to a-done it. And I don't have the feeling for the people that I should have. Until I can get that feeling, there is no need in me going, because I'd be a hypocrite.

And all these years I've tried to serve Him with a true heart, and I won't go out there being a hypocrite. I got to feel that, that it isn't Ricky and Ricketta, and it isn't this bunch. It's God's children that's in bondage, and I must go to them. **Until I can feel that way, I'll just have to loaf around, preach some conventions and things, but wait.** 

STANDING.IN.THE.GAP\_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-7 SUNDAY\_ 63-0623M 173......will you do this one favor for me now, both here and on tapes also, you brethren? **Pray that God will place into my heart that something that I lost out there in that complex.** It's so easy to build a complex.

I had an interview the other day with my Brother Way sitting here, standing here in front. A good man, but built hisself around a complex, another kind of a complex, did the same thing. Brother Way, you can so easily do it; **it's you just get a little something in your mind, keep thinking that way**. Go back and check it with the Scripture, and see if it's right or not, and then go from there on. Yeah. Don't lose the feeling of the people. See? You must remember they're not made out of sawdust. They are flesh and blood, human beings and a soul. Pray for me, all of you, if you will. God bless you now.......

## **PROVERBS 31:14**

14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

## **PROVERBS 31:15**

15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

# **PROVERBS 31:16**

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

## **PROVERBS 31:17**

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

#### **PROVERBS 31:18**

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

#### **PROVERBS 31:19**

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

#### **PROVERBS 31:20**

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

#### **PROVERBS 31:21**

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

#### **PROVERBS 31:22**

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

## **PROVERBS 31:23**

23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

## **PROVERBS 31:24**

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

## **PROVERBS 31:25**

25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

## **PROVERBS 31:26**

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

## **PROVERBS 31:27**

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

#### **PROVERBS 31:28**

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

#### **PROVERBS 31:29**

29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

#### **PROVERBS 31:30**

30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

### **PROVERBS 31:31**

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.