

SPIRITUAL DNA

PULLING DOWN STRONGHOLDS

Last week we talked about pulling down strongholds and we have taken our text from II Cor. 10 where we mentioned about how pulling down strongholds has to do with overcoming the thought patterns that are formed in our minds. Our thought life as we all know is directly related to the spirit world. When Satan tempts you what you feel on your inside and in your intellect is the systematic thought processes. All temptations are in thought pattern. The realm of the thought is something very close to the spirit world. It is not totally the entire spirit world because there is a spirit world, a soul world and a natural world. We can go as far as to say that the thought world, the thought life and thought pattern are directly related to the spiritual world in some way. Part of our thoughts is actually from the spirit world, whether from God, which is good, or from the enemy, which is bad. Last week we have showed how the devil deceive people by influencing their thought patterns.

For these couple of sessions we will try to define the realm of thought as it links up to the spirit world before we can move to the area of pulling down strongholds and what are involved in the pulling down of strongholds. Lets look in the book of Phil. 4. We need to show very clearly that the bible is interested in our thought pattern and thought life being established in the word of God. When you teach an area like that the first thing people think about is New Age, Mind control etc that are actually false deceptions from the enemy. But yet the bible does talk about the thought life. Just because the enemy uses money wrongly it doesn't mean that we cannot use money correctly. Just because somebody has abused money it doesn't mean that we don't use money. Just because somebody has abused the use of cars, it doesn't mean we don't use cars. Just because the devil has abused the realm of

the thought life it doesn't mean that it's not real and Christians should not cover and teach on this area. The bible does talk about our thought life and how we need to have a thought life trained and controlled by the word of God and by the Spirit of God.

In Phil. 4:6-8 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.* Now look at those words the peace of God is supposed to affect two areas in our life, peace in our heart and peace in our mind. I know a lot of Christians who when they were born again say, "Pastor, I have peace in my heart." But very few Christians say, "Pastor, I have peace in my mind." But here you have a verse in the bible Phil.4: 7 that tells us that the peace of God would garrison your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. The word *garrison* is a Greek word that describes a soldier guarding and protecting a place. Of course peace must start in our heart. When we meet the Prince of Peace Jesus Christ of Nazareth peace comes into our heart. But peace must also be in our minds. Christians who are born again say they have peace in their heart because of Jesus. But less Christians are able to say they have peace in their mind. We have good news for you. It is God's will that your mind receive peace. Part of the process of our mind receiving peace is in pulling down of strongholds. If you are able to have the peace of God in your heart and in your mind, you will be a powerful Christian against the enemy. That is why he attacks people's mind to prevent the peace of God from reigning there.

Lets read verse 8 *Finally brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.* The word *meditate* in the Greek is thinking on this thing. Obviously Paul advocates a certain measure of control over our thought life. The bible expects every Christian to have a control over their thought life. That's where you separate the spiritual giants from the spiritual dwarf by seeing what goes on in their thought life. How well able are you as a Christian through your spirit man to control your thought? Or do your thoughts torture you? Do your thought take advantage of you? Are you oppressed in your thoughts? Or are you in control of your thoughts? The bible says we should be in control.

I Cor. 13 the famous passage in love and verse 4 *Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil.* Think of the last phrase in verse 5 *thinks no evil.* Now obviously that is talking about a measure of thought control. That the love of God in our heart enables us to have a measure of control over what we think. We do not think evil because of the love of God in our life. Obviously this restrain or refrain to think evil does not happen automatically in every born again Christian. Otherwise every Christian will be a fantastic believer. If this restrain is not automatic it mean that there is a process by which we have to consciously yield and pull down strongholds until every thought is subject onto Jesus Christ. If it's not automatic then it must be voluntary and needs our co-operation for the power of God to pull down strongholds in our lives. But that verse is very clear. If Paul says we are to think no evil it implies a measure of control that we all have over our thought life. Yet how many Christians do you know find thought control painful, difficult and almost "impossible"? This result in the need to understand how to pull down strongholds.

I believe that last week I made mention of the subject. But I have not been able to convey perfectly and more clearly what the thought realm is like. Remember this is a series and that the ultimate solution that we will give is towards the end of the series. But we need to understand this thought realm that we are dealing with. I believe I got one more illustration, which we could use to try to illustrate the spirit world. Remember no illustration is perfect in the natural world because the spirit world is a realm that is powerful. That when Jesus tries to describe it He has to use parables to elaborate some of the things He experienced and see in the spirit world. That's what we are attempting to do. We could do our best and pray that the Spirit of God will give you the enlightenment as we speak on these words. The word that we have to help us understand this thought realm is by using the illustration of three little words – DNA or deoxyribonucleic acid, the genetic code that gives rise to our biological constitution.

Our sermon this morning is on spiritual DNA. DNA is like a computer program that is placed into our cells instead of being placed on a hard disk or on a floppy diskette. Every living thing has cells. Looking at the physical world, we know that

plants and animals have cells. We have cells. Everyone of our cell contains a program that is not written in electromagnetic form, unlike computer programs. But these are written in chemical form. DNA is just a formulation of different molecules of acid that are arranged in double spiral rows. Now as I hold in my hand lets presume that this is a carnation. There are cells on every one. There are stem cells; there are flower cells that form this flower. Our bodies are made up of cells. Every single one of our cells has a program written in chemical form. That is called the DNA. That tiny little program tells the plant what color the flower will be. How tall or how short the plant should be. How green the plant is to be. The type of structure of pattern the plant must become. All of us have DNA. All of us are related if we trace our roots to Noah. Eight souls came out of the ark. From those eight souls of Noah and his family the whole world was re-populated. So whether you like it or not that person sitting next to you is related to you. The person behind you is related to you. Of course it is a very, very distant relationship.

Now the biological characteristics present in the genetic pool of that eight souls have transmuted through time, diet, radiation and differentiation to produce all the different races of mankind. A slight deviation in your DNA tells your body to produce what color your eyes had to be. Whether you have straight hair or curly hair, dark skin or fair skin, whether you are short or tall – your biological characteristics are determined by those tiny little chromosomes called DNA. That is the program in your physical body. It is found in every cell in your body. Nowadays the use of DNA identification has become common language in legal, scientific, medical and family circles. Criminologists, forensic experts, biologists use DNA to identify a host of circumstantial evidence like crime, paternity, genetic disorders. We can take one sample of your hair and scan its DNA and we can find whether it actually belongs to you or not. Every one of us has a unique DNA. We have a common basic pattern but there is a slight difference so that every one of us is unique.

Now in the spirit world there is spiritual DNA. Let me illustrate the four points that I gave to you last week in a different way. We talked about thought pattern. Then secondly we talked about feelings and the formation of thoughts. Thirdly we talked about vision and the expansion of the thought realm. All these definitions can sound a bit confusing but I will redefine them this morning. Point one is the structure of spiritual DNA. The thought realm, which we considered and defined to

be spiritual DNA, has a structure. The structure is always in a certain pattern. According to that pattern and structure it will produce after its kind. If the DNA structure of this carnation tells it to be four feet in height it will grow to be about four feet in height. Thoughts are like spiritual DNA - they follow a certain pattern. If you want to change your life you must change your thought. Our spirit man is already changed when we were born again. But our thought pattern must change. In order to turn this carnation, which is orange in color to be yellowish, scientists conduct a process called genetic engineering by removing the gene that causes orange color and replacing it with a gene from another plant that causes the petals to be yellow. This involves gene splicing. Likewise, we have to change the programming or the pattern in our spiritual DNA in order to change our personality and our life.

Remember Third John verse 2 *Beloved. I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.* Unless your soul prosper, unless there is a change of thinking in our life there will be no change in your circumstances. Unless we change inwardly our outward circumstances do not change. It is the law of God. Change must come internally and spiritually first before the change can manifest on the outside. II Cor 4 tells us that the invisible things form the visible realm. Heb. 11 tells us by faith we know that the world was framed by the word of God. The things that are seen are made of things that are not seen. It is the law of God. There is spiritual DNA in the thought patterns. The first point one about this spiritual DNA is that it has a structure that will determine what it produces. It always comes in pattern, in groups. DNA always comes in groups.

Every plant has its own peculiar DNA. If I have a seed produced by a flower, you couldn't tell from the seed what color it's going to be, how tall it's going to be or what kind of carnation it will turn out to be since there are many varieties. You can't tell from a seed but yet in that seed is the future of the plant - its color, height and the species of carnation it will be. So the first point to note is the structure or constitution of our spiritual DNA that will determine our thought patterns.

Secondly it is the feeling and emotion contained in that thought patterns. It is like the ingredients of fine or coarse sand, coloring, plaster of paris etc that are mixed into the wet cement before it gets hardened. Before thought patterns in our life are

crystallized, they are like stray DNA that hasn't formed together into the double helical spirals yet. Some thought patterns have become solidified and become a constant part of our life, for example, a certain prejudice against other races. Some thought patterns are still in the formation stages and are not completed yet. Some other thought patterns are waiting to be birthed and formed by life's experiences, readings, lectures, sermons, conversations etc. So there are patterns that are established and cemented in our life. Our feelings have a role in that.

To understand better in point two we want to use the flower as an illustration. In point one is the structure of the seed. Point two would be the conditions required for the seed to grow. If I have an apple seed, I can keep it here on the platform for one year and it would not grow. It will remain the same. Archeologists have discovered corn seeds and wheat grains in some old historical sites that are thousands of years old. When they planted them in fertile ground under ideal soil conditions, the seeds germinated and grew into healthy plants even though they were dormant for nearly three thousand years. So the second point is the conditions for the formation of the DNA and growth of the DNA. I consider good biblical teaching to be essential to the formation of sound thought patterns. A good bible teacher would be able to nurture your spiritual DNA, which would in turn generate good and healthy thought patterns. I am talking about giving our thought patterns the proper conditions for growth. Lets assume that some of you gave me a good durian seed. I put the seed on this platform. I deny it of water, nutrition and sunlight. That seed will not grow. It needs a proper condition for it to grow. Now when that seed grows into this plant, it doesn't change its DNA - it replicates itself and releases what it already programmed to be. So the second factor we are talking about is the ideal condition for the cementing of thoughts. It requires that our feelings be involved with our thought to cement it into a firm growth pattern and it will produce after its kind. I call it thought pattern because new thoughts are assimilated into the old pattern and you think along the same way, except that the thought pattern is enhanced by further accoutrements.

You could be in Malaysia and you have a thought pattern "A": Thought pattern "A" makes you do things in certain way, run your household in a certain way. Do a job or build your career in a certain way. So you have a thought pattern "A". Let says you are in Malaysia and you need the basic requirements of food, clothing, shelter and transportation. You look for shelter, job, friends, entertainment, place of

worship, recreation, eating places, banks etc. You are exposed to different types of employers, different situations, different country climate but you function in the same thought pattern. We transport you to, say, a Western country like America. Since you still have thought pattern "A", you will still function in the same way. You have new people, different cultures, different environment around you but you still function in the same way because of your pattern of thinking. You have not changed. You are the same person meeting with different people under different environment under different organization and still you do the same thing in the same pattern. So changing the outward condition does not change your thought pattern. Your thought pattern keeps reproducing according to that programming and that structure that is already there in the spiritual DNA of your thought patterns. The only way for you to change is that somehow something changes on your inside in your thought pattern and cracks your old thought pattern and makes you think in a new way. Even if you are in your old situation and having the same employer, same job, same situation, same family, same relationships and same people but the new thought pattern in you causes you to treat everything differently.

Something like that happened when we were born again. Suddenly you look at the world differently. When you were born again you were given a new thought pattern as a seed. You have a new way of looking at life. The environment may be the same but you are a new man. Therefore you look at everything differently. You still have the same old responsibilities, same job, same family, but you act, talk and behave differently now. So I am stressing that it is not a matter of changing the outward situation but it is a matter of changing the inward man. But after you have changed the inward man, even if you are in the old situation you will handle it in a new and different way. However, if your thought patterns are still the same and you change your outward environment, you will still make your new environment the same as your old environment. See change has to come from the inside out.

So under point two there are conditions by which the DNA will reproduce itself. All of us when we were born again have a spiritual programming and DNA in our life in our spirits. Part of it comes forth if you give it the right condition, the right environment sunlight, water and it will reproduce that DNA pattern that will get stronger greater and more powerful. You know what Satan try to do in your life. He tries to prevent you from having the right condition so that you do not and you are

not able to grow. So remember the first point about the spiritual DNA is the structure of the thought pattern. The second point is the conditions for the structure to grow. It's linked up to our feeling, our emotion for the growth of that thought pattern. You can be the most spiritual person on earth but if you have unforgiveness in your heart you stifle that spiritual growth in your heart. It is an unsuitable condition for spiritual growth. The wrong enemy's thought pattern have been sown.

Third point last week we talk about vision. Now looking at it from the DNA point of view, the third point is in what I call the formation of the DNA. I need to illustrate this to differentiate between point two and point three. Point two is the conditions for the DNA to grow. You don't change the DNA its already there but you provide it with the right conditions for the seed to grow. Now point three is like the flowering state of a plant. Point three is before the DNA is formed. When a husband and wife unite together to produce a child, half of the child's chromosomes comes from the mother and the other half from the man. 23 chromosomes come from the man and 23 from the mother and these 46 chromosomes form a human being. Chromosomes are like groupings of this DNA. They form together a new human being who looks like the father and the mother put together. So there is a part of flowering and fertilization state before it is formed.

Now lets look at it from the plant of view. Suppose I wanted this orange carnation to be white with orange. When this carnation blossoms the flowers are formed. The time for pollination comes. I would take a white carnation and cross fertilize it with an orange carnation since the subsequent seeds would produce orange carnation, white carnation and whitish orange carnation. That is before the DNA is formed. So I am talking about the point three the formation of the spiritual DNA. Before the DNA is formed you can do some things about it, like cross-fertilization or genetic engineering. But after it is formed it is harder to change the DNA. Today in gene splicing scientists have short-circuited the process of pollination. To get a new species of a plant, they perform gene splicing and in that way they short-circuit the process that may take years. They do in days what could take years. They short-circuit the process but the basic philosophy is the same thing. It's altering the DNA. Except they alter it scientifically with tools that were not available long ago while the botanists tried to alter it by fertilization and pollination. So man tries to control his environment. You see it is possible through cross-pollination and through a

careful monitoring of DNA formation to produce a super strain. Today the rice that you are eating is a product of many years of research so that the rice that is yielded could produce more metric tons per acre. Today they are producing more and more super strains of food to feed mankind. So what I am saying it is possible through careful manipulation. I am not going to talk about the moral part of it there is another sermon on it. I am just analyzing it as a pure scientist. That it is possible to produce and to alter a strain of a plant for better or for worse by controlling and manipulating its DNA.

Now point three is talking about the formation or manipulation of spiritual DNA. You can see now why point three is different from point two. Point two is only talking about conditions for growth. It is not talking about manipulation or changing the DNA. So one is talking about the growth of the DNA and the other is the changing of the DNA. I emphasize here in point three that the area of vision is a powerful realm that God uses to change the spiritual DNA, the spiritual thought patterns that are going to affect our life. God is concerned about our spiritual DNA. According to whatever is being manipulated for good or for bad we will make good history or bad history.

Let me show you in the book of Gen. 6:5 *Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.* Now He tells us that the thoughts and the intent of man's heart were for evil. God saw the DNA of man and saw worse things coming. If you thought that the period before Noah was terrible God saw how terrible it was going to be. God destroyed men before that evil could be birth forth. He saw the general direction of what it would produce. How did men become that way? God never made men evil. Satan in the Garden of Eden did gene splicing. He put into men's heart and thought the wrong vision and the wrong dream. The realm of dreams and visions are powerful. When you allow a wrong dream and the vision dominates your life, you are allowing Satan to do some spiritual gene splicing in your spiritual DNA. If Satan could just lock your life to one false vision and false dream, he has got you. He has altered your spiritual DNA. You know what happens when your spiritual DNA is altered? You can give it the right condition. You can give it the right amount of nutrition, water and sunlight. But instead of producing good fruit you are going to keep producing bad fruit until that DNA is changed back. No

amount of good soil, good sunlight and good water will change your DNA. It will only produce after its kind. Satan has tried to steal, kill and destroy by using false dreams, false visions, false thoughts and false philosophy to do gene splicing with mankind. He has altered man's thinking so much that men's thoughts in Gen. 6 was evil constantly.

What does God do? He gives us dreams and visions. Joel 2 and Acts 2 it tells us when the Spirit of God has come upon our flesh young men shall see visions old men shall dream dreams. Sons and daughters shall prophesy in the prophetic word has to do with point four, which we are not touching yet. The energy of DNA is point four. We are going to see here how in this point three that God tries to change us, He gives us a new heart and a new mind. He says when we are born again we are born with a fresh vision, a fresh dream, and a fresh purpose in life. Our DNA that has been corrupted by original sin, wrong teaching, evil influence and the influence of fallen men is regenerated. You are born of the Spirit. You are a new man. What happens is that as II Cor. 5:17 says, "Behold, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation." We were born in the Spirit world. We now have the mind of Christ. In the Paraphrase Living Bible translation I Cor. 2 it says we have the mind of Christ. It says we have the thoughts of Christ. Now God changes us back when we are born again. The seed of God has now been placed in you. I Jn. 3:9 says, *"Whoever is born of God does not commit sin; for his seed remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."* Remember a seed needs right conditions to grow. If we fail to give it the right condition it will not grow. At the same time as we grow in God we can enhance whatever God has placed in our life. A seed is just a seed. It is not a plant, not a tree yet. We need to give it the right condition.

That is why these three points I re-emphasize again No.1 to understand that thoughts are like seed. They come in groups. They come in patterns. They are like spiritual genetics. You just have to yield to one; it sucks you into a new group of thoughts. Don't be deceived - thoughts don't just come loose. They come in groups like seeds. If you yield to one it will pull you by its own gravitational force into his pattern of thinking. Yielding to one wrong thought can pull you into a series of it. That is why if you tell one lie you have to tell a number of lies to cover that one lie. That is why point two is important. We need to understand the conditions for that seed to grow. But we need to understand point three how we can expand and change further and further. Why must we change? There is a realm where God

allows you freedom to grow in Him. I believe there are promises in the bible for those who want to go further that you can press on into God.

With background and understanding when you read Mk. 4 you have a different way of looking into it? Mk. 4:3 *Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. But other seeds fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced; some thirty fold, some sixty and some a hundred.*

Now a seed is like a spiritual DNA. Jesus talked about the word of God as spiritual DNA. It says here in verse 4 that some of the seeds got eaten up, destroyed, devoured. God plants seeds in our life. According to Mk. 4 If I may re-phase this parable of Jesus - it is the story of the survival of the spiritual DNA that God placed into you and I. Spiritual DNA is the word of God and thought pattern. Some spiritual DNA drops by the wayside. They got destroyed by the birds of the air, that is, by demon powers who came to steal it away from people. Satan prevents the revelations from coming into their lives. Verse 5 some fell on stony ground where it did not have much earth and immediately it sprang up but because it had no depth verse 6 the sun scorched it. The sun is a friendly sun, not a hurtful sun. Yet the plant withered because it has no depth of earth and no nutrition and no water. Plants love sunlight. But plants that are not properly rooted cannot stand sunlight because the sunlight kills their roots and they die. Isn't seed NO.2 talking about the condition for the DNA to grow? The conditions were not ideal because it doesn't have the proper ground and nutrition. Therefore the conditions instead of helping it are killing it.

The third ground the seed that fall among the thorns. The thorns choked it. The thorns represent worldly thought pattern, the cares of this life, and the deceitfulness of riches. I didn't make it up. Jesus explained it that way. Look a Mk. 4:18-19 *Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the*

word, and it becomes unfruitful. It was impossible for the DNA it to come forth because of the thorns. What are the thorns - deceitfulness, riches, cares of this life and all those things are choking the word of God. Wrong thought pattern. When you mix with the people of the world remember they are running on their own DNA, their own thought pattern, and their own principles. Some are worldly, some unbiblical or unscriptural and some are anti-God. We need to get back to the word. We need to learn to reject some of those things. Otherwise when you accept a wrong teaching from the world or worldly principle into your life, it is a thorn in your spiritual DNA and your seed cannot grow. It is choked to death. Therefore we need an atmosphere for it to come forth, to grow forth so that we could be able to enforce and bring it into our lives.

Let me show some ideal conditions that can come. In the book of Acts 2:17 *And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.* We need the Holy Spirit to change our thought pattern. Just one dream and one vision from the Holy Spirit can change your life. But we need to yield to the Spirit of God. Allow the Spirit of God to give you new dream and new vision. Right now some of your visions and dreams that God gave you, or some of the revelations that God gave you for your life and destiny are for the formation of the spiritual DNA in your life that is not completed yet. When God puts His seed in your life through the Holy Spirit, it is just like God pollinating our lives so that the right seed can grow. The right seed can be formed. Now the formation is only part of it. It's under point three. It's only part of it. But it's an important part. The bible tells us in Heb. 8 and Heb. 10 that God wants to write His laws in our heart and in our mind. You need to give Him a chance to write them in your life through new visions and new dreams.

When you close your eyes what do you see? Do you see yourself as oppressed, poor, suffering, needy? You need to re-write your spiritual DNA. It's too polluted. You close your eyes all you should see is the perfection of Jesus flowing into your life. You should see the new person that you should be. You are more than a conqueror in Him. Did you see the new person that God made you to be? That's the question that the Spirit of God is asking you. Or is your vision so blur that you can't see it. Then you need the Holy Spirit to write over and over again.

Sometimes our ground is not soft enough for the Holy Spirit to write. You need the water of the Holy Spirit to wash you and soften you so that you could see who you are in Christ. I can guarantee you it is a good picture. Many Christians cannot see themselves the way God sees them. Do you know the first thing that should have happened when you were born again? You should have seen the way God sees you. God didn't look at you as a despicable piece of dirt and good for nothing. God saw what He wanted you to be. What He created you to be. Although it's much polluted, perverted and destroyed by the enemy but God could still see it because He created you. God saw what you could become. If you were the only one who was lost, the only sheep that was lost God would have sent His only begotten Son just for you. If the whole world were saved and you were the only one who need to be saved God would still send His only begotten Son for you.

Maybe after you were born again, you didn't stay long enough in God's presence to see yourself the way God sees you. II Cor. 5:17 old things are passed away. But you didn't see the other part. You only saw half of II Cor. 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creation. Behold, old things are passed away all things are become new.* You lost the other part. Say *all things are become new.* Maybe you didn't see your new DNA or new genetic code that God placed in you. I am asking you on behalf of the Spirit of God to receive the new vision and new dream He has for your life. See yourself the way God sees you. Don't struggle against Him. Receive Him.

Few receive the way God sees us. When you close your eyes and pray can you see what God wants you to be? If your answer is yes, thank God for it. If your answer is no we are going to pray for you that you may see. Unless you see the way God wants you to be, the rest of your Christian life is in vain. You cannot change yourself. You cannot be what you wanted to be unless you catch hold of who God wants you to be.

Under point two - you must feel the way God feels for you. To see the way God sees is under vision that is point three. Point two is emotions. God has feelings. In Gen. 6 we are told that God felt sorry. Do you know that if man felt sorry man would have repented? But men hardened their hearts. The bible tells us that God felt sorry.

Secondly, we need to feel the way God feels for you and I. When you close your eyes and pray, you not only see what God wants you to be, you feel how He felt for you. Isn't that what life is about? When you relate to one another, isn't it because of the feelings that we have one for another - the appreciation, the respect and the love that we feel for one another. What happens if right now you cannot feel what others feel for you? You will be lonely, rejected. You know what loneliness and rejection is. It is a lack of ability to feel what others feel for them. I am talking about the good feeling. You see God gives everyone of us an ability to feel for one another. I am talking about emotional feelings. But the devil turn that until all you could feel are bad feelings of people. So you feel rejected. You feel lonely. But you should turn it back to feel the good feeling of people. The ability to turn your emotion into the right area is only found in your prayer closet with God. Only God can do it. When you are able to sense and feel the way God feels for you, then you can sense the good things that God has placed on other people's life. Feel for others as much as others feel for you. When those are established the environment for the DNA to replicate itself is there. You see in an environment of rejection, loneliness, hatred, strife, do you think church can grow. No, but in an environment of love, acceptance and encouragement we all grow. So we must get after the environment. That environment the thought pattern could grow stronger and stronger.

The bible says Paul's spirit was refreshed when he saw Timothy and the others coming. That's what it means he draws the encouragement. Eph. 4: 16 says, *"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."* The whole body grows. You could only grow among good Christians, good fellowship, and good care group. You cannot grow alone. No.1 vision you get from the Holy Spirit. Prophets and prophecies are only to confirm it. No.2 you need to be linked up with another person or a group of people for your own gifts to come forth and for your own ministry to come forth. God has made us so that we need one another. We need to be part of the care group, part of the fellowship, part of good Christians. Now the bible says in Ps. 1 that we need to be careful whom we fellowship with because it can destroy us or it can build us up. A lot of young teenagers have been led astray because they went with the wrong crowd. The right fellowship will give you the right spiritual bonding. Then you will receive, thirdly, which is an abundance of the right thought pattern for you to handle in life.

