



TOPIC: FOR WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT OUR FEELINGS – MINISTER CORNEL STEWART
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1. THE PROBLEM: FEELINGS ARE FICKLE AND DECEITFUL

Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV)

"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"

Romans 8:6 (NIV)

"The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace."

Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."

2. THE SOLUTION: THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE MIND

- **We are commanded to be transformed:**

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- **Choosing faith is the engine of change:**

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

- **Our beliefs must anchor our reality:**

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

3. THE PRACTICE: THREE STEPS TO RENEWING YOUR MIND

1. **Name the feeling, but don't worship it.**

Job 3:24-26 (NIV)

"For sighing has become my daily food; my groans pour out like water. ²⁵ What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me. ²⁶ I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil."

2. **Challenge the feelings with truth.**

Psalms 139:14 (NIV)

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIV)

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

3. **Act by faith, not by feeling.**

Proverbs 3:5 (NIV)

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Gideon:

- **Belief:** God appeared to Gideon and announced, **"The Lord is with you, mighty warrior" (Judges 6:12)**. Gideon was given a divine promise of victory.

- **Feeling:**

Judges 6:13 (NIV)

"Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

- **The lesson:** God patiently accommodated Gideon's fear and helped him confront it.

Judges 6:20-22 (NIV)

The angel of the Lord said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And Gideon did so. ²¹ Then the angel of

the Lord touched the meat and the unleavened bread with the tip of the staff that was in his hand. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the Lord disappeared. ²² When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he exclaimed, “Alas, Sovereign Lord! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!”

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. What hidden feelings or behaviors might be influencing your actions, and how can you allow God to transform them rather than suppress them?
2. What practical steps can you take to choose faith over feelings in your daily life consistently?
3. Identify a negative feeling you’ve experienced recently. What scripture can you use to challenge that feeling and align it with God’s truth?
4. Can you share a time when you acted on faith rather than feelings? What was the outcome, and how did it impact your spiritual growth?
5. How can you support others in your life who may be struggling to align their feelings with their faith? What role does community play in this transformation?

WHO I AM IN CHRIST

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I AM ACCEPTED...

John 1:12	I am God's child.
John 15:15	As a disciple, I am a friend of Jesus Christ.
Romans 5:1	I have been justified (declared righteous).
1 Corinthians 6:17	I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit.
1 Corinthians 6:19-20	I have been bought with a price and I belong to God.
1 Corinthians 12:27	I am a member of Christ's body.
Ephesians 1:3-8	I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child.
Colossians 1:13-14	I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.
Colossians 2:9-10	I am complete in Christ.
Hebrews 4:14-16	I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ.

I AM SECURE...

Romans 8:1-2	I am free from condemnation.
Romans 8:28	I am assured that God works for my good in all circumstances.
Romans 8:31-39	I am free from any condemnation brought against me and I cannot be separated from the love of God.
2 Corinthians 1:21-22	I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.
Colossians 3:1-4	I am hidden with Christ in God.
Philippians 1:6	I am confident that God will complete the good work He started in me.
Philippians 3:20	I am a citizen of heaven.
2 Timothy 1:7	I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind.
1 John 5:18	I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.

I AM SIGNIFICANT...

John 15:5	I am a branch of Jesus Christ, the true vine, and a channel of His life.
John 15:16	I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.
2 Corinthians 5:17-21	I am a minister of reconciliation for God.
Ephesians 2:6	I am seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenly realm.
Ephesians 2:10	I am God's workmanship.
Ephesians 3:12	I may approach God with freedom and confidence.
Philippians 4:13	I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.