

Feelings is Not Faith

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God has given us feelings, but we do not live by them

Don't go by feelings! Believe what the Word of God is telling you. In flying I was told to NEVER go by my physical feelings as I could be killed. I was repeatedly told, "Go by the instruments!" "Trust the instruments!"

We live by faith, not by sight. We live by what the Word says, not by how we feel. Feelings can lead us into disaster.

One aspect of my flight training was to learn how to react if I found myself in an area known as an 'unusual attitude.' An unusual attitude is where a person may become disoriented; that is, they are not able to have any reference to the outside world. They cannot see the ground, they do not know which way is up or down, whether they are left or right, nothing; they are disoriented in an unusual attitude. Knowing what to do in such a situation could save them. Knowing what to do and not acting accordingly would get them killed. I would learn about unusual attitudes and what to do would be real-time, in the air under what is known as a 'hood.'

The hood is typically a hat sort of affair which fits on the head and has an adjustable strap. The front of the hat has a long bill like a baseball hat, but is longer, has sides and is able to be lowered to the extent the pilot cannot see anything outside the airplane; they can only see the instrument panel if their eyes are open.

For the hood exercise, I was told to close my eyes and drop my head so I would be basically looking at the floor if my eyes were open. The instructor pilot then began to gently move the aircraft in various ways. I felt the aircraft being gently turned to the left and then the right. I began to feel the aircraft climbing; or so I thought. After a few minutes of these maneuvers, the instructor told me, 'Take the aircraft!' My action was to immediately open my eyes, look at the instruments, determine what attitude the aircraft was in, correct whatever condition the aircraft was in whether a stall, dive, spin, or whatever. Time was of the essence so understanding the situation and correcting for it had to be instantaneous, no hesitation.

I quickly opened my eyes and looked at the instruments. I was in a steep left turn diving at the ground! I immediately corrected the situation and stabilized the aircraft having regain control to straight and level flight. Although everything seemed normal I was not feeling at all normal and the instruments confirmed I was in control. I told the instructor I *felt* as though my head was literally sticking out of the airplane door. In other words, the instruments said I was sitting upright, but my body told me something entirely different. The instructor told me to take off the hood, and when I did so and looked outside my very inward person felt as though I was being turned upright so my inner person matched what my eyes were seeing. The instructor told me I did very well, but what if I had relied upon how I felt? I could have been killed, if I were alone. What if I was not flying in the daylight and had become disoriented in the night? Or was in the daylight but was in a cloud?

When flying the pilot cannot merely rely upon their feelings, never! Feelings will get us into very real trouble if we are led by them!

Believe it or not, our physical feelings can and will give us false indications under certain conditions. We may feel as though we are turning when we are sitting still. We may feel as though we are falling when we are not. We may feel as though we are moving when we are not.

We can never trust our feelings and I learned about the truth of the Word of God during flight training. In 2 Corinthians 5:7 we read the following, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." Mark recorded Jesus' words, ". . . I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Hebrews 11:6 says, "Without faith it is impossible to please him . . ."

The Word of God and our response to it is without thought and regard to our surroundings. Notice Jesus saying in Mark, '. . . [B]elieve that ye receive them.' Believing is action and beliefs are what a person lives by. Jesus very clearly said, 'and ye shall have them.' The intellect is by-passed, earthly rationale is dumped in favor of what we expect as the result of speaking God's Word to any and all situations. The result of our belief demonstrates our faith and God sees it. Belief disregards what is seen with our naked eyes as we see through the eyes of faith.

Consider the following in Hebrews 11:3, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Faith pulls together the materials of things not seen to the point we see manifest in the natural that which was prayed and believed for through faith. To illustrate this point, one day my wife and I sat outside and looked up into the sky. The sky was cloudless; however, as we looked a cloud formed before our eyes out of seeming nothingness and then disappeared. Wow! What an illustration of Hebrews 11:3! The elements were available right then to form a cloud even though we could not see them

The elements for healing; etc., are present right now! We have only believe it is so first in the spirit and it will be so in the physical, if we can believe. Jesus said in Mark 9:23, "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, **all things are possible** to him that believeth. In Matthew 19:26 Jesus said, "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible; but with God **all things are possible.**" And in Mark 10:27, "And Jesus looking upon them saith, with men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God **all things are possible.**"

For anything of the spirit to be possible it must be done *without* feelings. Feelings will want to verify something is happening. Feelings will be like planting a seed to grow Corn, for example, and go the next day to see whether the seed has germinated.

Lastly, feelings are full of doubt and unbelief. We must say, "No" to our feelings where the spirit is concerned. We must deny our feelings as listening to and acting upon feelings is the feeding ground for doubt and, ultimately, despair and unbelief, and failure; thus, we will receive nothing.

God responds to faith not feelings. Do not let your life be guided by your feelings as feelings are transitory and will readily and willingly lead a person to failure.

