

# ~ Solid Foundation of Maneuvers ~

## 4 Things Needed To Prevent Resistance

- A) Willing submission
- B) Good communication
- C) Balanced life to direction ratio
- D) **Solid foundation of maneuvers**
  - 1) Mechanical
  - 2) **Mental**

**Part 2 (Mental)** – *Horse* and *rider* begin to receive insight into how they can move together in perfect unity to accomplish a job. The horse experiences willing submission, good communication, a balanced life to direction ratio, and a mechanical foundation of maneuvers all at the same time.

It's like you are riding in the dark and somebody switches on a light. All resistance leaves and it makes perfect sense to *you* and the *horse*. The horse becomes as light as a feather, moving in perfect unity with the person, no resistance in doing the job. We are able to pick up the feet and move them wherever we want. These are the “ah-ha” moments when riding a horse. It is by multiplying these moments that we are able to *build* and *keep* a “foundation for perfection.” The goal is to multiply these moments from brief seconds, to minutes, to hours, until we are left with no more resistance and find ourselves riding in absolute perfection.

### **Part 2 – Solid Foundation of Maneuvers (Mental/Revelations)**

#### **Three mental stages: moments of perfection/true unity (horse):**

- Stage 1 – Brief seconds during the ride
- Stage 2 – Minutes during the ride
- Stage 3 – Consistency during the ride

#### **Three mental stages: moments of perfection/true unity (God):**

- Stage 1 – Brief moments during your life
- Stage 2 – For periods of time during your life
- Stage 3 – Relative consistency in your life

## ~ Mental/Revelation: Solid Foundation of Maneuvers ~

In order to mature in our relationship with God, we must receive revelation of God's make up (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and how these parts fit together in perfect unity to complete a job (let your light shine before men). The same is true with our horse. We must receive revelation of the horse's makeup (head and neck, shoulders, and hindquarters) and how they fit together in perfect unity to complete a job. These are the “ah-ha” moments when all resistance leaves and we find ourselves operating with perfection in Christ. No more self-preservation, lack of communication, and disobedience due to unwilling submission. The light bulb comes on and we “*Return to Eden: True Unity and Willing Communication.*” It is through these mental/revelation moments that we see drastic improvement with our horse and in our life.

Revelation in the Greek can also be translated as manifestation and means *disclosure, appearing, coming, lighten, manifestation, be revealed, revelation*. Revelation/manifestation comes from a word meaning – *to take off cover, disclosure*. Sin is a covering and it is sin (flesh, self-preservation) that keeps us from communicating with God. However, through Jesus taking that sin and transforming us into His image, we are then able to communicate again. As we are transformed into His image, pieces of our old self, “. . .since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator” (Colossians 3:9-10), fall off (cover) and we are able to receive revelation.

When we submit our will and open our heart, we are able to receive revelation. God is perfect. He has perfect feel, timing, and balance so to speak. He does not force revelation upon us. He lets it happen. Once our heart is right, the cover comes off and we receive a mental foundation of maneuvers. We must offer the horse the same thing. God’s heart is always right and always perfect. He just has to wait on us.

However, with our horse we need to make sure that our heart is right, then for the horse to submit his will. We need to become Christ-like. We need to prepare our heart and be filled with patience and understanding, giving the horse mercy and grace just like God does to us, “**Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need**” (Hebrews 4:16). Once we have prepared ourselves, then we just need to wait on the horse. God does not make things happen. He lets them happen. This is something we need to learn. Nearly all of the braces and tight spots I cause in my horses are because I try to make things happen, instead of letting them happen. God never tries to make a square peg fit into a round hole. God is a perfectionist. God is perfect and will always be perfect. Everything He does is perfect. A square peg will slide perfectly and easy into a square hole, causing no grief or destruction.

The more we try to force something that will not fit, the more we begin to destroy the receiving and the giving objects. We can force a square peg into a round hole, but not without causing some damage. The same is true with our horse. The more we try to force a horse to do something they do not want to do, the harder it is on us, and the harder it is on the horse. Often we will both be sweating, tired, mad, and frustrated by the time we get the job accomplished. If we did have a good level of communication with the horse, more than likely we would have destroyed a great deal of it and it will take a considerable amount of time to gain it back.

We can force a horse to do just about anything, but not without sacrificing willing submission. Without willing submission, communication is very limited. Once we have willing submission and good communication, building on the foundation through revelation will slide into place just like a square peg sliding into a square hole. It is easy and effortless, and starting colts becomes extremely fun. If we do not have willing submission, good communication, and a balanced life to direction ratio, starting colts becomes lots of work.

The more revelation a person receives about the horse, the further they can take the horse into perfection. **Perfection is only attainable through revelation upon revelation about the 3 parts of the horse, and when the 3 parts of the horse become balanced and in perfect unity with one another.** The same is true with the Lord.

Revelation comes from a word meaning, “*to take off cover – disclosure.*” This is a perfect way to describe it. I will give an example of getting a horse to turn around. I have been trying to get a horse to really spin and turn around for the past couple of years. I have been riding horses my whole life, but I am a long way from perfection and spins are one of the many areas that need work.

Whenever I get around somebody that is good at getting a horse to spin, I will really pick his or her brain. I will ask lots of questions and have them watch me and tell me what I am doing wrong. They are able to watch me and help me “take off the cover” that is preventing me from furthering my relationship with my horse. They can tell me what is holding me back from moving further into perfection. They will tell me things like “get them moving off your leg better,” “shift your weight,” “alter your hand placement” and tell me when to apply pressure and give relief.

They are able to see what is holding me back, and in a few minutes the cover comes off and the square peg slides in the hole just as perfect and easy as could be. The horse pulls with his hindquarters, walks around the inside hind foot using centrifugal force and goes into a nice spin. It is as if I was riding in the dark and somebody switched on the light causing everything to make perfect sense and appear so easy.

Whenever this happens, I always smile with disbelief and amazement at how easy it just falls into place when all the pieces are lined up. I have the same reaction (though often multiplied) when I receive revelation from the Lord. I can’t help but to smile and laugh, sometimes for days. It seems to me that the revelations/mental foundation with the most power (with our horse and with God) are determined by how long and how hard we have been fighting something before we received the revelation of how easy it can be. It is so amazing how it can be right in front of our face and we can be blind to it. However, when the cover is taken off it is as clear as day. **“How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery” (Ephesians 3:3 KJV).** There is no greater feeling in this world than receiving revelation from God.

It may seem a little weird comparing revelations from God with revelations about the horse. Although the ones from God far surpass the ones from the horse, they seem to be very similar in the way they happen and the fruit they produce. They both seem to happen when I soften my heart and begin to really hunger, wanting to further my knowledge. I have been a Christian for as long as I can remember, and I have been riding horses for as long as I can remember. However, the times in my life where I have noticed a drastic improvement have been following a new revelation, or when reminded of an old revelation.

Willing submission is a prime example of this. Once we have submitted our life to God and accept Jesus into our heart, we will notice a drastic and immediate improvement. Once we learn to not force the horse to obey our commands and learn to wait for them to submit willingly, we will also notice a drastic and immediate improvement. However, both of these very simple concepts seem to be so easy to forget when we get caught up in the world.

When things get complicated and it seems like we are paddling up stream, we need to stop and remind ourselves of old revelations. Submit our entire life to God again and let Him take

back control over our life (my yoke is light). The same is true with our horse. Things are easy once the horse has submitted willingly. To reach maturity we must build on this revelation (*willing submission*), gaining revelation of better *communication*, and revelation for improving our *mechanical foundation of maneuvers* and *balancing our life to direction ratio*. When all of these factors come together, this is when we find ourselves in a “mental/revelation” moment. All resistance leaves and we find ourselves in absolute perfection.

It doesn't matter if you are a new Christian or you have been a Christian your whole life, the only way we grow is revelation upon revelation, furthering our knowledge about God. If we are having trouble communicating with God and are starting to feel a little stagnant like we are not growing, we may need to find a man or woman of God who can talk to us and help us find the “cover” that is holding us back from maturing further in Christ. These should be people that have received revelation upon revelation of who God is, and are familiar with operating through “soft feel/Holy Spirit,” giving them the ability to see what is holding you back. Through this operation they are able to help us position ourselves so that we can receive revelation from God.

It is not as powerful if I go to someone to get help with my horse and they tell me what to do and show me how to do it, but never help me do it myself. Everything may make perfect sense and look very easy when they do it, but when I go back home I will be just as lost as before. We can go to church and have our pastor tell us what the Bible says we should do, and tell stories of how the apostles and other great men of God were able to do it, but it needs to take root in our own lives. Through Jesus we are able to take off the “cover” and the Holy Spirit is able to communicate with us, giving us revelation upon revelation, building our foundation and taking us further into maturity.

It saddens me that some people receive revelation that Jesus died for their sins and accept Him into their heart, but never receive further revelations of God. They continue the rest of their lives through unwilling submission and a lack of communication. The only link they have of communication with God is by receiving instruction from their pastor. We cannot mature in our relationship with God by communicating solely with man, no more than we can communicate with our horse by communicating solely with man. This would be as absurd as trying to strengthen my marriage by communicating only with my pastor.

If by communicating with my pastor it leads to communicating with my wife, then that is perfect. That is how God intended it. However, if I never learn to communicate with my wife, and only develop a relationship with my pastor instead of my wife, then that is not how God intended it. In order for my wife and me to mature in our relationship, we must be able to communicate. The same is true with the Lord and the same is true with our horse. If by listening to your pastor/priest it strengthens your communication with God, then that is perfect. That is how God intended it. However, if you only learn to listen to your pastor/priest and never learn to communicate with God, then that is not how God designed the Church, **“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Ephesians 3:10-11)**. Our relationship with God and our horse must have willing submission, good communication, a balanced life to direction ratio, and a mechanical foundation of maneuvers leading to a mental foundation of maneuvers. Then,

it is through multiplying these mental/revelation moments from brief seconds, to minutes, to consistency that perfection is attainable.

## ~Revelation ~

To prevent resistance we must grow in the Lord, receiving revelation knowledge. We must gain a solid mental foundation of who God is. The solid mental foundation of maneuvers comes from revelations of who God is. This revelation comes from the Holy Spirit talking to us, or the Spirit revealing Scripture. The Spirit gives life to the Scripture, “...for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life” (2 Corinthians 3:6 KJV), and then we can receive direction.

### Revelation

**“When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’” (Matthew 16:13-19).**

In this scripture Jesus tells the disciples that He will give them the keys to the kingdom of heaven. He also tells them His intentions for the Church, and how the gates of hell will not prevail over it. First of all, let’s understand exactly what the Strong’s Concordance says the *kingdom of heaven* is. Kingdom in the Greek comes from a word meaning *kingdom, royalty, or a realm* (lit. or fig). Heaven in the Greek means *heaven* (as the abode of God); *sky*; by implication, *happiness, power, eternity*. I believe the context in which the *kingdom of heaven* is taken in these verses means Jesus is telling the disciples He will give them access to the realm of God. He is giving them the ability to communicate with and experience God, just as Peter was given when God revealed to Him who Jesus was.

When Jesus asked the disciples, **“Who do men say that I am?”** Peter replied, **“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”** Then Jesus calls Peter an interesting set of names in reply to Peter’s statement. Jesus told Peter, **“Blessed art thou, Simon BarJona.”** BarJona means “son of Jona.” So Jesus tells Peter, “Blessed art thou, Simon son of Jona.” Jesus tells Peter that flesh and blood did not reveal his knowledge of Christ but God in heaven did. Then He says, **“And I tell you that you are Peter.”** Peter in the Greek means a (piece of) *rock*. Jesus goes on to say, **“And on this rock I will build my church.”** Rock in the Greek means a (mass of) *rock*.

In this scripture, Jesus tells Peter that he was a *piece of, the mass of rock* upon which God was going to build His church. This piece that Peter received and Jesus said He would build His church upon, was revelation knowledge about God. It was this revelation knowledge that Jesus said, “the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Revelation in the Greek can also be translated as manifestation and means *disclosure, appearing, coming, lighten, manifestation, be*

*revealed, revelation.* Revelation/Manifestation comes from a word meaning *to take off cover, disclosure.*

After the fall of Adam and Eve, man has had a covering. This covering, which is sin, has kept man from God. But through Jesus' death this covering can be lifted and we can communicate with our heavenly Father. **“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength”** (Ephesians 1:17-19).

Jesus did not want to build His church under the Old Covenant talked about in Hebrews 9:1-10. **“Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary”** (Hebrews 9:1). He wanted us to be under a New Covenant, which He would die to establish (Hebrews 9:11-28). **“For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant”** (Hebrews 9:15). In this New Covenant, we would not need men appointed to act as intercessors for us. In this New Covenant, through Christ, we could go behind the curtain to the Holy of Holies and experience God. **“And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin. Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body”** (Hebrews 10:18-20). This is what the first church of Christ experienced during the day of the Pentecost. People left everything behind and came together in one accord to know God. It was then that God opened up the heavens and poured out His Spirit. **“God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear”** (Acts 2:32-33).

I believe this is what the scripture above is talking about. We receive revelation knowledge from God and Satan has no power to manipulate the truth from us. Jesus wants to give us the keys to the kingdom of heaven. He tells us, His intent for the Church is to give us revelation knowledge and manifest Himself upon us. **“How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery”** (Ephesians 3:3 KJV). **“Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel”** (Ephesians 3:5-6 KJV). **“And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly place might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God”** (Ephesians 3:9-10 KJV).

However, there is a catch to Him being able to manifest Himself upon us, **“and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven”** (Matthew 16:19 KJV). Jesus lays it out for us. He gives us

the keys to the kingdom of heaven, but we must be willing to die to ourselves, and take up our cross and follow Him. We cannot be tied to this world and expect to experience the kingdom of heaven. The more we die to our flesh, the more our Spirit is able to hear from God. Then He is able to manifest Himself upon us and give us revelation.