

# Gate - Present the Message/Gospel

## Receiving the Message: Getting the Most from Scripture

I would venture to say that nearly every problem I have had in my life and with my horses stems from the message not getting through. With every horse I work, there is a set message that must get through for my horse to have peace and the same is true with God. He has a set message that must get through to us, for us to have any hope of peace and contentment in this life. Where we run into trouble with our horse and in our life is when the message fails to get through. To explain this a little further, I have a plan for my horse, I reach for my horse using my reins, my reins put contact on the bit sending a message to their head and all the message has to do is be delivered to the rest of the body. However as anyone that has ever ridden a horse can attest sometimes the message does not get through. Sometimes you try to deliver the message and you get a different response than what was originally intended. The horse does something totally different than what you wanted, or much worse sometimes all you get is confusion, resentment, self-preservation and a fight.

I am sure you have tried to deliver the message to a struggling person and received the same response. You took the gospel, explained the salvation plan, a good message was delivered, but just like the horse; sometimes the message does not get through. Just like the horse a relatively harmless message brought out the absolute worst in the person. They become resentful, slinging their head, striking at the bit (message), doing everything in their power to throw you off and be freed from the message you were trying to deliver. They may even have gotten on the fight and tried to attack you for the message you were trying to deliver. I am sure some of you have experienced this in your life as well. You open your Bible, God's written word, His reins through which He directs and guides us. You read the message, like the reins making contact with the horse's head, the message makes contact with your brain and words begin to go into your brain. You receive the message, but does it get through to your body? After reading the message are you able to live the message with no resentment, confusion or misbehavior? If not, was the message bad, or did it just not get through? Is there anything we can do to help the message get through?

Well, let me tell you a few things the Lord showed me using horse parables about why the message gets through sometimes and sometimes it doesn't. About why the message sometimes brings peace and contentment to people and to others it brings out resentment and self-preservation. Why for some pastors the message gets through to the body and for some it doesn't. Well, first of all what is the message? I have a big thick Bible. There have to be hundreds of thousands of different messages to choose from. I read lots of different stories in my Bible and there have to be lots of different messages. Well, let me tell you something that will bring your entire Bible from the written word, to the spoken and living word of God. I heard

someone say one time that the best revelation he ever received is that the entire Bible speaks of one man: Jesus Christ. I pray that we would all receive this revelation and the power that comes with it. Every scripture from beginning to end points to Jesus. Jesus was the word that became flesh (John 1:14). From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible points to Jesus. He is the way, the truth and the life and no one can come to the Father but through Him (John 14:6). He came to set us free (John 8:31-32, 36), to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captive, recovery of sight to the blind (physical and spiritual), to set at liberty them that are oppressed (Luke 4:18-19).

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Jesus is the message. Has the message gotten through? You can read the Bible from cover to cover a thousand times over, attend Bible College, seminaries, learn Greek and Hebrew to read the Bible in the original text, receive a PhD in religious theology, and go to church every Sunday and Wednesday Bible studies. But if you have not received the revelation of Jesus Christ and have not come to know Him in a personal and intimate way, you will be a very educated, highly intelligent puffed up Christian in total bondage. Because no man, institution, book, Bible study, or church can heal the broken-hearted, deliver the captive, and set at liberty the oppressed. That can only come from Jesus Christ. Are you oppressed in any way? Do you feel captive to anything? Has the message gotten through? I pray that over the next 40 days if you are experiencing bondage in any area of your life, the message gets through and you experience the freedom that can only be found in Christ Jesus.

Who is Jesus? If somebody asked who Jesus was and is, what would you say? I have heard several teaching over the years on what I am about to share. God has taken these teachings, added to them, revealed more to me through horse parables, and made them real in my life. I would like to pass on what He has given me through other people and has revealed to me personally and I hope you experience the freedom that can be found through the “message.” To truly understand the message and receive the fullest of the Gospel, a person must come into four revelations (Greek – to take the cover off, reveal.) of Jesus Christ. The four revelations of Jesus are, Jesus the: Savior, Son of God, Man, and King. Oddly enough there are four Gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and in these four Gospels, Jesus is portrayed in these four different aspects. In Matthew, Jesus is portrayed as the King of Kings, in Mark, as the perfect Man, in Luke, as the suffering Savior, and in John, as the Son of God. These are the four revelations that must get through in a believer’s life to be saved, freed, liberated and used by God. When I stop and think about it, every problem in my life stems from these four revelation’s “message” not getting through. The same is true with a horse.

There are four revelations that must get through with the horse as well. It is amazing. Just like with the four revelations of Jesus, if these four revelations get through with willing submission, a person can accomplish any job and all resistance is removed. The four revelations are found in the Mechanical Foundation of Maneuvers: Stage One – stopping the inside front

foot, letting the other feet move forward around it; Stage Two – using the hindquarters to pull the horse in a reverse motion; Stage Three – shoulders and hindquarters moving together in a lateral motion; and Stage Four – stopping the inside hind foot and walking the other feet forward around it. It is so important that these four revelations come through with “willing submission.” Remember willing submission is: “After an initial cue, the horse performs the task on a loose rein and no leg pressure; it is the horse’s idea.” If we try to force these four stages without willing submission we will still be able to get the job done, but we lose the power of riding with no resistance and in absolute perfection. If we have to force a horse to do these four stages and they do not “willingly” do them on their own after you cue them, I guarantee you will have resistance in your horses. You cannot force these revelations through and have any hopes of perfection; you have to set it up and let them find it. Just position your reins, feet, weight and then let the horse find it on their own.

The same is true with the four revelations of Jesus Christ. I can tell you what they mean, or someone else can, you can read a book, listen to a sermon on tape, but you will not experience traveling in the perfect will of God until the cover is lifted, the light bulb comes on and you receive the revelation. I help people all the time with their horses and nearly every problem they encounter stems from these four revelations not getting through with willing submission. However, I cannot force the revelation between the horse and the person. It has to be experienced between the two of them and there is nothing I can do to “make” this happen. What I can do, is show them how, tell them how, demonstrate it, explain it, and help position them so they can experience it. This is all “I” can do with the four revelations of Jesus Christ as well. The next 40 days is about teaching, demonstrating, explaining, and helping position you so that you can “experience” the four revelations of Jesus Christ in your life.

### **Position for the Transition: Experiencing the Experience**

My grandpa, Ray Hunt, traveled all over the world trying to help people experience what he experienced with the horse. He tried to help people learn how to get out of the horse’s way, to quit trying to “make” things happen and to learn how to truly become one with the horse. Grandpa wrote a book to help explain to people what he had learned from his mentor, Tom Dorrance, and experienced with the horse. He also gave horse clinics trying to teach and demonstrate to people what he had learned. However, with all his instruction and counseling trying to help people experience “true unity” with their horse, at the end of the day it had to take place between the horse and the person.

The same is true with the Bible and ministers of God. All they could do is teach and instruct people how to position for the transition. This 40-day program is not meant for you to read about the experience, but to help position yourself so that you can experience the experience. Over the next 40 days try to position yourself so that the message of Jesus Christ can

get through bringing liberty to your life on a daily basis. I am going to write down the four revelations in the mechanical foundation of maneuvers. Then I am going to add a few questions for you to take to the Lord over the next 40 days to help you come to know Jesus in all four facets.

The prayers at the bottom are just to get you started. When you feel comfortable, start praying your own prayers. I pray that over the next 40 days you are able to position for the transition and truly experience the experience. The Lord told me once, "Believing God's word will give you hope in your current reality, experiencing God's word will set you free into a whole new realty."