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**Dr. A.L. and Joyce Gill are dedicated to producing practical tools for equipping believers to do the works of Jesus. Their desire is to promote victorious, supernatural living for every believer at all levels of Christian maturity.**

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## ***A Word to Teachers and Students***

This powerful teaching on healing lays a solid Word foundation which releases the faith of the students to receive their own healing, walk in health, and boldly minister healing to others. Many will be healed as this revelation comes alive in their spirits.

According to the book of Mark, Jesus' final words of instructions before leaving this earth were, "they shall lay their hand on the sick and they shall recover." This book gives practical instructions on how to minister healing to the sick.

We suggest before teaching this course, you watch or listen to the video or audio tapes on this series. The more you saturate yourself with the truths of God's Word concerning healing, the more these truths will move from your mind into your spirit. This manual will then provide the outline for you to use as you impart these truths to others.

Personal life illustrations are so good for effective teaching. The authors have omitted these from this work so the teacher can provide illustrations from his or her own rich experiences, or from those of others to which the students will be able to relate.

It should always be remembered it's the Holy Spirit who has come to teach us all things, and that when we are studying, or when we are teaching, we should always be empowered and led by the Holy Spirit.

This study is excellent for personal or group studies, Bible schools, Sunday schools and home groups. It's important the teacher and the student have copies of this manual during the course of the study.

The best books are written in, underlined, meditated upon and digested. We have left space for your notes and comments. The format has been designed with a fast reference system for review and to assist you in locating topics. The special format makes it possible for each person, once they have studied through this material, to teach the contents to others.

Paul wrote to Timothy,

**And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:2b**

This course is designed as a practical participation Bible course in the MINDS (Ministry Development System) format which is a specially developed approach to programmed learning. This concept is designed for multiplication in the lives, the ministry, and the future teaching of the students. Former students, by using this manual, can teach this course easily to others.

## Lesson One

### God's View of Sickness and Disease

#### Introduction

##### ➤ *God's Viewpoint*

Sometimes when studying a subject, it's best to back away and look at it from God's point of view. How does God feel about sickness and disease?

In this study, we will see how healing and health were part of God's plan throughout the Bible and continue to be very much a part of God's plan for our lives and ministry.

Healing is one of the promises of God. When believed and acted on, any promise releases the power of God in our lives. We should find His promises, believe them, and act on them.

Proverbs 4:20,22 My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

##### ➤ *Source of Sickness*

If we believe sickness might be from God, we will not be able to believe Him for our healing. For this reason, we need to understand the source of sickness.

#### IMPORTANCE OF HEALING

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##### Important to God

To fully know God, we must know Him as the Healer.

Exodus 15:26b For I am the LORD who heals you.

If we don't know the Lord as our Healer, we are missing a major dimension of our relationship with Him. Healing was important to God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

##### ➤ *The Father*

The Holy Spirit inspired John to write and tell us healing is the will of the Father.

3 John 2 (KJV) Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

It's necessary we understand healing is always God's will.

It's also recorded that Jesus said,

John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

➤ *The Son*

As we follow Jesus through the Gospels, we find He ministered healing in many different situations. His compassion for the sick was constantly evident. Healing was a large part of His ministry.

Mark 1:40,41 Then a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

Healing was important to Jesus because He came to do the Father's will.

Hebrews 10:7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—in the volume of the book it is written of Me—to do Your will, O God.'

As Jesus went about healing people, He was doing the will of the Father.

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

➤ *The Holy Spirit*

Healing is important to the Holy Spirit and part of the purpose for His anointing. In Luke, we read how the Holy Spirit anointed Jesus to heal the brokenhearted.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.

He anointed Jesus to heal those oppressed by the devil.

Acts 10:38 ... how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

**Confirms Word of God**

Healing is important because it's the Lord's way of confirming His Word to a lost and dying world.

Mark 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

The world today needs Jesus. God has commissioned us to go everywhere with accompanying signs to confirm His Word. Casting out demons and healing the sick will help open the eyes of people to the truth of the gospel.



## **Did Jesus Suffer in Vain?**

If we don't minister healing to the sick, then some of the suffering of the stripes Jesus bore on His body was in vain.

Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

When we ignore what God's Word says about healing, we are ignoring the grace of God. We are making the suffering – the stripes – Jesus bore for our healing of no effect.

Galatians 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.

## **Saves Lives!**

Healing can save your life, the lives of your family, and your friends. The prophet Hosea wrote,

Hosea 4:6a My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Healing for our body and soul is a provision God made for us. We, like David, should not die but live long and healthy lives as witnesses for Jesus.

Psalms 118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

The revelation of healing in God's Word has kept many from dying early.

James 5:14,15 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

## **Part of Great Commission**

➤ *Commandment to Disciples*

Healing was an important part of the training and ministry of Jesus' disciples and followers. Just as Jesus went about healing the sick, He commanded the twelve disciples to do the same.

Matthew 10:1,7,8 And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Jesus said anyone who believes in Him will do the same works He did. Healing must be important to us if we are to actually do what Jesus did.

John 14:12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Jesus said we will minister healing and do miracles just like He did.

➤ *Commandment to Us*

Laying hands on the sick and ministering healing is part of the Great Commission which Jesus gave to all believers.

Jesus said,

John 14:15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Jesus gave that final commandment:

Mark 16:15-18 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Jesus' last words to His believers wasn't a suggestion. It was a commandment! Healing the sick is important if we are to be obedient.

## **SOURCE OF SICKNESS**

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### **➡ Is sickness from God or from Satan?**

As long as there is any doubt on these issues in our minds, we will be double-minded, with little faith for healing, living lives of defeat. In order to properly know how to deal with the problem of sickness, we must have a solid understanding of its origin, source, and purpose.

### **Truth Brings Freedom**

When we discover the truth regarding the source of sickness, disease and pain, we will be set free to boldly receive and minister healing. Truth is found in the Person of Jesus.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Truth was revealed by the words and works of Jesus.

Jesus said,

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

## Questions Regarding Sickness

To discover the truth about the origin, source and purpose of sickness, we will begin by finding the answers to some typical and often asked questions.

➤ *Is it God's Will?*

### ➡ **Is it God's will to heal the sick?**

The greatest barrier to healing is uncertainty of the will of God to heal everyone. Satan comes against us and puts words of doubt in our minds, and if we're not careful, we will put that doubt to work.

We hear this doubt expressed in the words of traditional prayers like, "Lord, if it be your will, we ask for Your healing touch ..."

Such a prayer expresses uncertainty and doubt about whether it's God will for all to be healed. Without a certainty in our spirits that it's God's will to heal, it's impossible to pray a prayer of faith for ourselves or for others.

We see an illustration of such doubt in the leprous man when he said, "If You are willing."

**Mark 1:39-41** And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

Then a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

Jesus canceled the "if" by simply saying, "I am willing." Everything Jesus did was a revelation of the will of the Father for His people.

### ➡ **Is it God's will for me to be sick?**

It's God's will above all things that we live in good health every day.

**3 John 2 (KJV)** Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

If Jesus healed the sick, then it's the will of the Father to heal the sick. Since it's the will of the Father to heal the sick, then it's the will of the Father to heal you!

➤ *For Our Good?*

➡ **Is sickness one of the ways that God works things together for our good?**

Many have been taught that sickness is one of the “all things” Paul said is to work together for our good.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

The New International Version, gives us a clearer understanding of this Scripture. It says,

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

The emphasis is “in” all things God works for our good. It isn't that all things work together for our good. Instead, “in all things” or “in our sickness,” the work of God's healing power will be the good produced.

➤ *Suffering for Him?*

➡ **Is sickness one of the ways we are to suffer for Him?**

Philippians 1:29 For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

To avoid misinterpreting Scripture, it's necessary to consider the context, or setting, of the subject. In this situation, Paul is in prison writing about his suffering in chains for the sake of the gospel.

Philippians 1:12-14 But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

It's obvious from the context of this passage that the suffering Paul was talking about wasn't a reference to sickness or disease. It was instead, a suffering of persecution and imprisonment for the Gospel's sake.

➤ *For Discipline?*

➡ **Does God put sickness on people to correct, discipline, punish, or to teach them patience?**

Satan, not God, is the one who puts sickness and disease on people.

Job 2:7 Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

We wouldn't picture a loving, caring human father putting cancer on his children to discipline them. How can we picture our heavenly Father putting sickness or disease on His children?

**John 10:10** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Jesus said it's the devil who comes to kill us, to steal our health, and to destroy us with sickness and disease.

But Jesus came to give us abundant life, a life without sickness, disease and pain. He came to restore to us all He had created humankind to be when He created Adam and Eve in His image.

➤ *What About Paul's Thorn?*

➡ **Does the Bible say Paul's thorn was sickness?**

Through a misunderstanding of the Scripture, some have taught that the apostle Paul's thorn in the flesh was a severe eye disease. However, Paul wrote that his thorn was an evil spirit, a messenger of Satan sent to buffet or harass him.

**2 Corinthians 12:7** And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

Nowhere, does the Bible teach Paul's thorn in the flesh was a physical illness.

➤ *Needed to Bring Death?*

➡ **When God is ready to take us home, do we need to get sick to die?**

If it's God's will we live in health everyday of our lives, why would He make it necessary we get sick to die?

Moses is a wonderful example! He was one hundred and twenty years old when God called him home. His health was so good he was still able to climb the mountain to meet God. He had lost none of his eyesight or natural strength.

**Deuteronomy 34:7** Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor abated.

When an older person is sick, it's God's will for them to be healed. When it's God's time, their spirit will leave their body and their heart will stop beating.

➤ *Does God Let It Happen?*

➡ **Does God “let” sickness or premature death come on His people?**

Many blame God when sickness or death comes, saying “Why did God let this happen?”

Adam and Eve were given authority and dominion over all that happens on this earth when they were created in God's image.

**Genesis 1:26a** Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion.”

The authority or dominion which was lost when Adam and Eve sinned, was restored by Jesus.

**Matthew 16:19** And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Sickness comes through Satan's power, but Jesus said believers today have power (or authority) over the power of the enemy.

**Luke 10:19** Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

By not using our God-given dominion on this earth, we, not God, let the devil bring sickness, disease and death on ourselves and our loved ones.

**Source of Sickness**

All sickness and disease are from the devil and not from God. Many are sick because they have given place to spirits of infirmity through sin, disobedience, or by ignoring principles of good health and nutrition.

**Ephesians 4:27** Nor give place to the devil.

Using our restored authority, we can resist the devil, the spirits of infirmity, or the sickness which have come, and they will flee from us.

**James 4:7b** ... Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Believers have authority to cast out the spirit of infirmity, and to heal all kinds of sickness and disease.

**Matthew 10:1** And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

The only things the devil can do to us today is what we are letting him do. The question shouldn't be, “Why is God

letting this happen?” Instead it should be, “Why are we letting this happen?”

Note: To fully understand this question, we suggest you read the manual, *The Authority of the Believer* by A.L. Gill and his book, *Destined for Dominion*.

## **SATAN USES SICKNESS AS A WEAPON TO DEFEAT US**

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### **Satan's Fall**

Satan and his angels were cast down to earth after their rebellion in heaven. We read the account,

Revelation 12:7-10 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.”

### **Man in God's Image**

God created mankind in His image on the same planet where Satan was cast after his fall. He created them to have dominion over the earth Satan had ruled until that time.

Genesis 1:26,28 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

#### **➡ Mankind was created to:**

- look like God
- walk like God
- talk like God
- and to have dominion on this earth!

### **Satan Hates You**

Imagine yourself in Satan's place. From one of the highest positions in heaven, he was banished to planet earth. With hatred raging against God, this one who wanted to make himself like the most High, must have watched in horror as

God created human beings in His own image. Then God gave them dominion over everything he had been ruling!

Every time Satan sees a man or woman, he must be reminded of God – the object of his greatest wrath. When he sees humans looking and acting like God, his hatred is intense. The expression of that hatred is to steal, kill, and destroy.

The apostle John wrote,

**John 10:10a** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

Satan knows that we are God's representatives on earth. We are the body of Christ, and his greatest desire is to defeat us.

➤ *Man as Satan's Victim*

Loss, death, and destruction are always the work of Satan. For four thousand years after the fall of Adam and Eve, mankind lived under the captivity, bondage, and oppression of the devil.

- Human beings who had been created to walk in dominion, were crippled and blind, sitting by the roads, begging
- A woman who was created to walk upright, was crippled and bowed over in pain and despair.
- Men and women created to look just like God (in His image), now had the features of their faces and bodies eaten away with leprosy.

➡ **Jesus came to set mankind free from the captivity, bondage and oppression of sickness, disease and pain.**

God wants us set free from the oppression of Satan. He wants us released from the bondage of sin. God wants us well!

*The source of sickness and disease is Satan – not God!*

**QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW**

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1. Why is it important to God that you receive your healing and minister healing to others?
2. Would God, as your loving Father, put sickness on you as His own child? Explain using Scriptures.
3. If you were Satan and wanted to show your wrath toward God by attacking mankind, list three things you would do.
4. Jesus came to set us free. Can you think of any reason why you should continue to live with sickness in your body?



## Lesson Two

### Healing in Our Redemption

There is no truth Satan has tried harder to hide from Christians than that Jesus provided for our healing in His suffering, death and resurrection! We understand He has provided for our salvation, but many still believe healing is a sovereign act of God for certain people – or that it was provided for a previous age.

We have accepted the truth that “He was wounded for our transgressions” but have ignored the truth “by His stripes we are healed.” Even though both statements are in the same verse .

Isaiah 53:5 He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

God has a covenant with us and this covenant includes healing!

#### COVENANTS WITH GOD

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The study of typology, or symbolic meanings in the Word of God, gives us rich insights into the plan of God. The typology of the Old Testament reveals the Person and work of Jesus Christ as fulfilled in the New Testament. The deliverance from Egypt by the children of Israel crossing the Red Sea is a type of our redemption from the bondage of sin.

#### Covenant

➡ **A covenant is a serious promise of commitment and a binding agreement between two groups, or persons, or in this study between God and His people.**

Immediately after Israel crossed the Red Sea, God made the covenant of healing and revealed Himself as the Healer.

Exodus 15:26 And said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.”

The Hebrew name, Jehovah-Rapha, was used meaning, I am the Lord your Physician, or I am the Lord who heals you.

## Covenant Names of God

Jehovah is the redemptive name for God and means: The Self-Existent One Who Reveals Himself.

Jehovah has seven compound redemptive names which reveal Him as meeting every need of His covenant people.

### ➤ *Jehovah-Shammah*

#### ➡ **The Lord is There.**

Ezekiel 48:35b ... and the name of the city from that day shall be: The LORD Is There.

### ➤ *Jehovah-Shalom*

#### ➡ **The Lord Is Peace.**

Judges 6:23,24a Then the LORD said to him, "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die."

So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it The-Lord-Shalom (Peace).

### ➤ *Jehovah-Raah*

#### ➡ **The Lord Is My Shepherd.**

Psalms 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

### ➤ *Jehovah-Jireh*

#### ➡ **The Lord Will Provide.**

Genesis 22:13,14 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided."

### ➤ *Jehovah-Nissi*

#### ➡ **The Lord is Our Banner, Victor, or Captain.**

Exodus 17:12,13,15 But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner.

### ➤ *Jehovah-Tsidkenu*

#### ➡ **The Lord Our Righteousness.**

Jeremiah 23:6 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

➤ *Jehovah-Rapha*

➡ **I Am the Lord Your Physician, or I am the Lord that Heals You.**

Exodus 15:26b For I am the LORD who heals you.

Nowhere in the Word do we see where God has canceled this covenant. Nowhere can we find He has become “I was the Lord Your Physician,” or “I was the Lord that Used to Heal Them.” Nowhere does God say, “I am the Lord your God who makes you sick.”

God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever, and He is still our Healer!

**Covenant Promise of Healing**

Jehovah-Rapha is a revelation of a covenant promise of God to provide healing for His people.

According to David, the revelation of God as Jehovah-Rapha was so accepted and believed by the Israelites, that all the people enjoyed health.

Psalm 105:37b (KJV) There was not one feeble person among their tribes.

When Israel sinned and their health was affected, they repented, the Levitical sacrifices were made, and God continued to be Jehovah-Rapha to all. Today, as we preach the gospel of redemption and atonement through Jesus Christ, we have the same promise for the sick.

**ISAIAH'S REPORT – A HEALING REDEEMER**

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For hundreds of years, disbelieving Hebrew scholars tried to prove Isaiah fifty-three wasn't part of the original Jewish Scriptures. However when the scrolls were discovered at Qumran in 1947, the book of Isaiah was the only scroll which was complete from beginning to end. It contained the complete prophecy of Jesus found in the fifty-third chapter.

**Who Will Believe?**

Isaiah wrote,  
Isaiah 53:1a ... And who has believed our report?

“Who has believed our report?” As we study this report, we have a choice. We can believe the report and receive its full benefits, or we can doubt the report and do without the benefits.

## How Powerful is God?

Isaiah 53:1b ... and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Those who believe the report will be those to whom the arm of the LORD is revealed. The arm of the LORD refers to His mighty power.

We should ask ourselves the question, “How powerful is my God?”

Isaiah described the power of God for us.

Isaiah 45:12 I have made the earth, and created man on it. It was I My hands that stretched out the heavens, and all their host I have commanded.

Later, Isaiah wrote about the hand and ear of God.

Isaiah 59:1 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

God is all powerful! By His arms and hands He stretched out the heavens. Jesus, God revealed in the flesh, reached out His hands and healed the sick. His arm has been revealed and His hand hasn't been shortened that He cannot save and heal today.

## Revelation

Those who believe will receive the full revelation of this report. They will realize God's provision for healing is as much a part of the redemptive work of Jesus on their behalf, as the provision for salvation.

This inner understanding comes by supernatural revelation – a sudden awareness of God's truth in our spirits. Revelation doesn't come through the reasoning power of our intellect. Notice the word “revealed.”

Isaiah 53:1b ... to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

“Logos” is the Greek word for the written Word of God. When God brings a revelation of a certain part of His Word to us, it becomes rhema. “Rhema” is the Greek word for God's personal word, or revelation, spoken into our spirits by the Holy Spirit.

Often as we are reading or meditating on the Word of God, the “light will go on,” a truth will suddenly leap into our understanding. We might feel like shouting, “Wow! God just put a new verse in my Bible! This is the answer I've been looking for. I've never seen it this way before!”

God has just revealed a truth to our spirits. The Logos has become a personal rhema to us. At that instant, faith leaps into our spirits, and that faith allows us to reach out and receive the healing Jesus has already provided.

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word (rhema) of God.

Going back to Isaiah's report,  
Isaiah 53:3-7 He is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

## Surely He Has

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Verse four begins with the word “surely.” What does surely mean? According to Webster's Dictionary, it means:

- with assurance or confidence,
- in unhesitating manner,
- without a doubt,
- unquestionably,
- certainly,
- used as an intensive emphasizing belief.

## Suffering of Jesus

The Amplified Version of the Bible gives us a more complete understanding of this passage.

Isaiah 53:4,5 (Amplified) Surely He has borne our griefs – sickness, weakness and distress – and carried our sorrows and pain [of punishment]. Yet we ignorantly considered Him stricken, smitten and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement needful to obtain peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes that wounded Him we are healed and made whole.

Isaiah wrote, “Surely, He has borne our sickness, weakness and distress, and carried our sorrows and pains.” These few verses bring us confidence and assurance. Just as surely as Jesus bore our sins so we don't have to bear them, He bore our sickness, diseases and pains so we don't have to bear them any longer.

What is Isaiah's report? What did Jesus suffer for?

- Our griefs – sickness, weakness, distress
- Our sorrows – pain
- Our transgressions
- Our guilt and iniquities
- Our peace and well-being

- Our healing and to be made whole

We can boldly say, “Surely, by the stripes He bore on His body, we are healed!”

Just as surely as we know He has borne our sins away so we don't have to bear them any more, we can know He has also borne our sickness, disease and pain away.

## Jesus our Substitute

In the redeeming work of the Lord Jesus on our behalf, He became our Substitute. He took our place. As our Substitute, He not only bore our sins, He also bore the results of sin.

1 Peter 2:24 Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed.

Before Jesus was nailed to the cross, He was scourged.

Matthew 27:26b ... and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

By the painful agony of the scourging He bore as the flesh was torn in pieces from His back, He became our Substitute. He bore the pain of sickness and disease.

His redemptive work on our behalf not only paid the penalty of our sin, it also freed us from having to bear the physical results of sin.

## Healing – Part of Redemption

### ➡ **The full revelation of redemption provides both:**

- The eternal salvation through faith in Jesus as our Savior.
- The healing of our bodies through faith in Jesus as our Healer.

It's important for Christians to realize healing is a part of God's redemption of fallen mankind. When Jesus came to earth and paid the price for our sins, He also paid the price for our healing. It's God's intention for mankind to enjoy full health – mentally, physically, and emotionally.

In order for us to fully benefit from these provisions, we must be aware of them and receive them by faith in the Word of God.

## FAITH VERSUS FEELINGS

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### Dependency on Feelings

One major hindrance to receiving healing is a dependence on feelings. Although it releases our faith to see someone healed, the basis of the faith for healing must be the Word of God. We must know what the Word says!

Going back to Isaiah,  
Isaiah 53:1b Who has believed our report?

This is a question we all need to answer for ourselves. Do I believe the Word of God?

➔ **I have a choice to make.**

- Will I believe the doctor's report? Will I believe God's report?
- Will I believe my traditions? Will I believe what God has spoken and revealed to my spirit?

When we receive a rhema word from God, faith springs into our spirits. Regardless of the doctor's report, our traditions, feelings, or experiences of the past, faith has come and faith believes God's report.

In the following comparison, you can see graphically the difference between faith in feelings and faith in the Word of God.

### Healing Through Faith

Healing is through faith. We are healed as we learn, believe, and then act on the Word of God.

Paul wrote,  
Romans 3:3,4a For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect?  
Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar.

God is faithful. He is ready to fulfill His promise of healing. All we must do to receive our healing is to believe!

- “By His wounds we have been healed!”
- “By His wounds we are healed!”

➤ *I Am Saved Because God Says So!*

“Sometimes I don't feel saved – but I know I am because I believe God's message.”

1 John 5:13a These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

➤ *I Am Healed Because God Says So!*

“Sometimes I don't feel healed – but I know I am because I believe God's message.”

Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

We must receive what is rightfully ours by faith regardless of what we feel or see. We mustn't let the unbelief of others steal our healing.

Some ask,

➤ “Why, if it's God's will for all to be healed, aren't all people healed?”

We might also ask,

➤ “Why, if it's God's will for all to be saved, aren't all people saved?”

The answer to both questions is,

➤ They must believe.

We receive salvation by faith in God's Word. We also receive healing by faith in God's Word.

## **APOSTLES BELIEVED – HEALING PART OF REDEMPTION**

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It's clear from their actions the apostles believed healing was part of their redemption when they healed the sick and wrote their inspired reports.

### **Matthew Believed**

Matthew believed God's report as prophesied by Isaiah.

Matthew 8:16,17 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.”

Isaiah 53:4 can only be fulfilled by the work of Jesus healing them all, and “all” includes each one of us today.

### **Peter Believed**

Peter believed God's report as prophesied by Isaiah.

1 Peter 2:24 Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed.

Peter believed God's report when he healed the first person following Jesus leaving this earth.



Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

Just as the lame man, we too must believe God's Word is true.

## God's Word

➤ *Is More Sure*

Peter not only believed God's message, he knew God's Word was more sure than anything he could experience or feel.

2 Peter 1:19a We also have the prophetic word made more sure ...

➤ *Abides Forever*

Peter knew God's Word was living and enduring. It's alive and valid in our lives right now.

1 Peter 1:23 Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.

## I Believe

It's clear for us to see from the Word:

- If we were healed according to 1 Peter 2:24,
- If we are healed according to Isaiah 53:5,
- Then I am healed!

All that's necessary is to believe God's report! Even if my traditions, religious leaders, the way I look, or the way I feel tells me differently!

- I must receive my healing by faith.
- I must begin to speak and act my faith!
- While my faith is building, I will actively release that faith, boldly begin to act out my faith, and receive my healing.
- Like the lame man, my symptoms will disappear, either progressively or instantly. I too, will be walking and leaping and praising God.

## Will You Believe?

Will you believe Isaiah's report?

Now is the time to receive from God. You can receive the manifestation of your healing right now!

We have seen from one of the names of God – Jehovah-Rapha, from the suffering of Jesus on our behalf, from Isaiah's prophecy, and from the testimony of the apostles that healing is an important part of God's plan for our lives.

➡ **Regardless of what our body feels, the Word of God declares, "By His stripes we are healed!"**

The instant this revelation leaps into your spirit, the faith to receive the manifestation of your healing will come. Boldly declare, “By His stripes I am healed!” With bold expectancy begin to check out your body. Do what you couldn't do before. Move into a bold action of faith and begin to praise God for the manifestation of your healing!

Note: The revelation taught in this lesson is that regardless of the symptoms in our bodies – God's Word says we were healed almost two thousand years ago. Instead of being healed now, or sometime in the future, the truth is our healing is just now being manifested in our bodies. In this study we refer to this truth often by the use of the words, “the manifestation of our healing.”

Manifested could be defined as “clearly apparent to the sight and understanding, or revealed.”

### **QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW**

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1. What covenant does God have with His people concerning healing? Why is this important?
2. Explain the revelation of healing found in Isaiah 53 in your own words.
3. What course of action do you believe God would have you take if the symptoms in your body don't agree with the revelation of the truth as found in the Word of God?

## Lesson Three

### Jesus – Our Example

#### Came as a Man

It's important to understand Jesus temporarily laid aside His rights as God when He came to earth. He came as the Last Adam, the Son of Man. Everything He did on earth, He did operating as the first Adam was created to operate. Jesus operated in the gifts of the Holy Spirit just like believers are to operate today.

The apostle Paul wrote about Jesus coming as a man.

Philippines 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men.

#### **JESUS' FIRST TWO MIRACLES**

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#### Turning Water into Wine

##### ➔ **Whatever He Says, Do It!**

The first miracle performed by Jesus was turning water into wine at the marriage feast. After Mary, the mother of Jesus, told Him they had run out of wine, she spoke some very important words to the servants,

John 2:5b Whatever He says to you, do it.

To experience the miracles of Jesus in our lives, we must listen to the voice of God and be quick to obey regardless of how foolish it may sound. “Whatever He says, do it!” This allows the Holy Spirit to work through us.

The servants obeyed Jesus; they filled the jars with water. They continued to obey Him, by drawing the water and then taking it to the master of the feast. When the master tasted it he said, “You have kept the good wine until now.”

How easy it would have been for them to doubt when Jesus told them to draw the water and take it, the water, to the master of the feast. The servants not only started out obeying Him, they continued to do so when it was hard!

To experience miracles in our lives, we too must say, “Whatever He says to me, I will do it!”

## Healing Nobleman's Son

### ➔ Healing was the second miracle of Jesus!

A nobleman heard about the miracle Jesus did at the wedding and hearing brought faith. As a result of that faith, his dying son lived.

John 4:46-51 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!"

Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives."

So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!"

The man was unsuccessful in persuading Jesus to heal his son his way. He begged Him to come and heal his son. Instead, the man received his miracle of healing when he believed the word Jesus spoke!

Many have failed to experience miracles because they have tried to persuade Jesus to do it their way. They believe they will be healed if a certain person prays for them in a certain way instead of placing their faith in God and His Word.

Like the servants and the nobleman, we too, can experience miracles if we listen to the voice of Jesus, believe the word He speaks, and obey whatever He tells us to do.

## JESUS CAME TO

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### Set at Liberty!

Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit to preach deliverance to the captives and set at liberty those who were oppressed. All bondages, including the bondage of sickness and infirmity, could never be God's will, since the anointing of the Holy Spirit was to heal and set free.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me – to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to – heal the brokenhearted, – to preach deliverance to the captives and – recovery of sight to the blind, – to set at liberty those who are oppressed.

## Break Every Yoke

Isaiah prophesied of Jesus' ministry that He would set the oppressed free.

Isaiah 58:6 Is this not the fast that I have chosen:

- to loose the bonds of wickedness,
- to undo the heavy burdens,
- to let the oppressed go free, and
- that you break every yoke?

## Destroy Works of Satan

According to John, the reason Jesus came was,

1 John 3:8b ... that He might destroy the works of the devil.

## Give a Full Life

By destroying the devil's work, Jesus provides abundant life for His people. Jesus said,

John 10:10b I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

## Heal Them All

The scriptural emphasis on the healing ministry of Jesus is that He healed all that came to Him.

In the Bible there are certain terms describing salvation and healing. The terms describing who is to be healed are similar to the terms describing who is to be born again.

### **For Salvation:**

- \* All
- \* Whoever

### **For Healing:**

- \* All
- \* Every

➡ **There are Scriptures which show that healing is for all. As you read these, observe the emphasis on the terms every and all.**

➤ *Every*

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

➤ *As Many*

Matthew 14:36 And begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well.

➤ *All*

Matthew 12:15 But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there; and great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.

➤ *All*

Matthew 8:16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick ...

➤ *All*

Luke 6:19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

➤ *All*

Acts 10:38 ... how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

## **He Hasn't Changed!**

The writer of the book of Hebrews wrote that Jesus hasn't changed; He is still the same today.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

If He healed while He was on this earth, He will heal today! Everyone that comes to Him by faith can receive their healing.

## **JESUS GAVE THE GREAT COMMISSION**

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### **Final Instructions**

Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave us His final instructions. We call this the Great Commission.

Mark records these important last words of Jesus to His believers.

Mark 16:15-19 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

This isn't a great suggestion – it's a command!

### **Jesus, Our Example**

Many have difficulty believing Jesus is our example when it comes to His healing and miracle ministry. They reason that all of these supernatural manifestations were because of His power as the Son of God. This isn't true.

Jesus was uniquely qualified to be our example because He temporarily laid aside His rights as the Son of God and came to this earth to live and minister as a man, as the Last Adam. Even though He was still truly God, He lived and ministered on this earth as the Son of Man.

There were no miracles recorded in His life until the Holy Spirit came on Him when He was baptized in the Jordan River. His ministry was done in the power and by the operation of the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit, just as we are to live and minister as Spirit-baptized believers.

➤ *Anointed by Holy Spirit*

Jesus said the Holy Spirit had anointed Him.

Luke 4:18,19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

➤ *Three Main Areas*

↳ **Jesus' ministry included,**

- Teaching
- Preaching
- Healing and deliverance

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, – teaching in their synagogues, – preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and – healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

➤ *Limited*

Jesus' ministry was limited to one village, or one city at a time. It was impossible for Him to reach the needs of the multitudes in every city. He instructed the disciples to pray for others to be sent as workers for the harvest.

Matthew 9:36-38 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

## **JESUS COMMISSIONED OTHERS**

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### **The Disciples**

The supernatural ministry of Jesus was multiplied as He commissioned the twelve disciples. They were to do the same ministry He had demonstrated to them.

**Matthew 10:1,7,8** And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

➔ **The newly commissioned disciples were to:**

- Preach,
- Heal the sick,
- Cleanse the lepers,
- Raise the dead,
- Cast out demons.

They were to do this freely and with the same love and compassion as Jesus did. Their ministry was to be like the ministry of Jesus.

### **The Seventy**

After the twelve were commissioned and growing in experience, Jesus sent out seventy.

**Luke 10:1,9** After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

And heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

➔ **The commission hadn't changed. The seventy were to:**

- Heal the sick
- Preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

The ministry was expanding. Jesus first duplicated Himself into the lives of the twelve disciples, and then into the lives of the seventy. Certainly they still had much to learn, but they were growing. Most importantly, they were being obedient to Jesus. As a result, they experienced great miracles, joy, and victory.

**Luke 10:17a** And the seventy returned again with joy ...



## All Believers

With the instructions of the Great Commission, Jesus sent out all believers. All who are born again have the same commission to go in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Mark 16:15,17,18** And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

When the apostles died, did healing stop?

No, the Great Commission was for "those who believe," not just for the early apostles. Believers then, and now, are to continue bringing healing to the world.

Believers today, are to teach and preach Jesus Christ as Savior and Healer, and as they teach the truth, faith to receive and minister healing will be released.

### ➔ **Believers were sent out to:**

- Go and preach
- Cast out demons
- Speak in new tongues
- Lay hands on the sick

All those who believe (not just the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers) are to lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.

All believers are to do what Jesus did on a daily basis.

**John 14:12** Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

All believers are to share the gospel, expecting the Lord to work with them, and confirm His Word by the signs which accompany it.

**Mark 16:20** And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

All believers, empowered by the Holy Spirit, are to be witnesses. They are to begin in their own city, and then they are also to reach out to the world.

**Acts 1:8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to the earth to bring redemption to all mankind. This redemption included healing. Jesus began healing in His personal ministry. Then He started the multiplication process by training and commissioning the disciples. This process continues to our day. We as believers are commissioned to carry the gospel to a lost and dying world. All believers are to continue to do the same works Jesus did.

## **EARLY CHURCH LEADERS CONTINUED HEALING**

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After Jesus ascended into heaven, did healing stop? No, the disciples continued to preach the gospel and heal the sick. Here we consider the examples of Peter, Philip, and Paul.

### **Peter**

Peter spoke the name of Jesus Christ to the lame man, and he was healed.

Acts 3:1-8 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

### **Philip**

Philip, a deacon who later became an evangelist, preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to those in Samaria, and healing miracles took place.

Acts 8:5-8 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

And there was great joy in that city.

## Paul

Paul preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to the crippled man, and the man was healed.

Acts 14:8-10 And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

He healed the man with fever and dysentery.

Acts 28:8,9 And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed.

From the above verses, we can conclude that the early church leaders ministered healing.

## HEALING OPENS DOORS TO EVANGELISM

Healing provides opportunities to share the gospel with the unsaved. Before a person can respond to the gospel, we must first gain their attention. In this world of pain and heartache, healing secures one's attention and quickly establishes the validity of God's Word.

### **Miracle Following Resurrection**

The first evangelistic meeting after the resurrection, started with a healing. The miracle healing of the lame man at the gate Beautiful, opened the door for five thousand to be saved.

Acts 3:8-11 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.

Acts 4:4 However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

Let's look at the actions of Peter and John.

- They were doing a normal activity – the miracle happened outside the church.
- They took notice of the man and spoke to him. They took the initiative to offer healing.

- They weren't side-tracked by the initial need of money.
- They gave what they had – The Word of God and the power of the name of Jesus.
- They spoke with authority.

## **Method Hasn't Changed!**

The method of reaching the world hasn't changed.

### **Jesus ministered by:**

- Teaching
- Preaching
- Healing

### **The twelve were sent out to:**

- Preach
- Heal
- Cleanse
- Raise the dead
- Cast out demons

### **The seventy were sent out to:**

- Heal the sick
- Tell them, "The kingdom of heaven has come."

### **We are commissioned to:**

- Go and preach
  - Cast out demons
  - Speak with new tongues
  - Lay hands on the sick
- ➡ **Healing is not only available to those who believe, Jesus wants us to minister healing to the unsaved so they will know the Word is true and be saved!**

## **QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW**

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1. What important things do we learn from Jesus' first two miracles?
  
2. What is the Great Commission as given in Mark's gospel? (Please memorize it.)
  
3. What was Jesus' method of reaching the world? What should ours be? Why?

## Lesson Four

### The Holy Spirit and His Power

The apostle Paul wrote,

1 Corinthians 2:4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God

Surely, we need the same power of God he had, but what is it?

#### HEALING POWER IN LIFE OF JESUS

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Demonstrations of the power of the Holy Spirit began in the ministry of Jesus immediately after the Holy Spirit came on Him when He was baptized in the Jordan River.

The power which was in Jesus was transmitted into the bodies of those who needed healing when they touched Him in faith, or when He touched them. The story of the woman who had suffered with a flow of blood for twelve years is an example of this power.

#### Who Touched Me?

Mark 5:25-34 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment; for she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "

And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

The power which flowed from Jesus was so real and tangible that it caused Him to stop and ask, "Who touched My clothes?"

## Dunamis Power

In verse thirty, the word translated “power” is the Greek word “dunamis,” meaning the power of God. Dunamis is the most expressive word for explosive power in the Greek language. Actually we are familiar with this word because our English words – dynamic, dynamo, and dynamite come from it. Jesus knew that dynamite power had gone from Him.

This same Greek word is used many times.

**Luke 4:14** Then Jesus returned in the (dunamis) power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

Jesus knew this power had gone from Him. It was a tangible, powerful force which was transferred by touching. Touching is a point of contact.

**Luke 6:19** And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for (dynamite) power went out from Him and healed them all.

This healing power came on Jesus at His baptism. John testified to this power.

**John 1:32** And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.”

## Different Anointings

As Jesus ministered in the power of the Spirit, He operated in different anointings. For example, He had a different anointing to preach or teach than to cast out devils or heal the sick.

In Luke, we see a time when Jesus was teaching, and He was anointed to heal the sick.

**Luke 5:17** Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

We too must learn to move in the anointing of the moment. We, like Jesus, must be led by the Spirit of God.

**John 5:19** Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.”

## **HEALING POWER AND APOSTLE PAUL**

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### **Dunamis Power**

The Greek word, dunamis, was also used for power when Paul wrote about the demonstration of the Spirit and of power in his ministry.

1 Corinthians 2:4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of (dunamis) power.

The apostle Paul ministered in the same power as Jesus – in dunamis power – the power of the Holy Spirit.

We find many examples in the book of Acts of the manifestations of this dunamis power in Paul's ministry when he laid his hands on the sick and even the transferring of this power through the cloth of handkerchiefs and aprons.

Acts 19:11,12 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

### **Our Example**

From this example, we can learn several things.

- The healing power of God is so real and tangible, it can be transferred through cloth.
- This method of ministering healing could be used by Paul when he couldn't go to the sick person or they couldn't be brought to him.
- The cloth was a point of contact to release faith.
- It had the same effect as if Paul had come personally and laid his hands on them.
- Paul ministered with the healing dynamite power of God in his ministry.

Like Jesus, Paul had the healing power of the Holy Spirit working in his life, and by faith, people received healing.

## **HEALING POWER IN SPIRIT-BAPTIZED BELIEVERS**

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### **We Have Power**

Many say, “I know this dynamite power was in the hands of Jesus! I know this dynamite power was in the hands of the great apostle Paul. But, what does that have to do with me today? I'm just an ordinary believer. How could I expect this same power to be manifest in my life and ministry?”

In answer to these typical questions, let's go to the parting words of Jesus recorded in the book of Acts.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive (dunamis) power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

This is the same word for power, dunamis, which was used in describing the healing power in Jesus and in Paul. As Spirit-baptized believers, we have the exact same dynamite power in us which was in them.

Dunamis power is to be released as we are witnesses, allowing the healing power to flow out to others. As God confirms His Word through us by ministering healing to the sick, we will be effective witnesses taking the gospel to our Jerusalems, Judeas, Samarias, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

## **Great Power**

As it was in the book of Acts, we shall have great power to be His witnesses.

Acts 4:33 And with great (dunamis) power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Acts 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and (dunamis ) power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

God's ability to do great works for us and through us is by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

## **Immeasurably Great Power**

Many Spirit-baptized believers have repeatedly and fervently asked God to send more power. If God would answer that request and send more power than what we have already received, we would probably explode. We already have the dynamite power working within us. Each of us is already "a walking stick of dynamite!"

Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the (dunamis ) power that works in us ...

Often we have failed to experience a desired healing by asking God to send His power from above to heal, instead of releasing, by faith, the healing power which is already dwelling within us through His Holy Spirit.

## **Let it Flow**

John 7:38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

God is no respecter of persons. We have the same power as Jesus and the apostle Paul, and it's within us when we have been Spirit-baptized. This healing power is the power of the Holy Spirit.



## Clarification

Some false religions are teaching about the power within and are referring to the human spirit. When we speak of the Power within, we are speaking of the Holy Spirit and healing of ourselves or others through, or in, the name of Jesus. In ourselves, without the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, or without the authority of the name of Jesus, we can do nothing.

## RECEIVING POWER OF HOLY SPIRIT

The baptism with the Holy Spirit was promised to all believers.

Acts 1:4,5 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, "which" He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The believers were to receive power to be His witnesses, the power which would demonstrate and confirm the Word of God through signs, wonders and healing miracles.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

## Jews

Believers in Jerusalem were the first to receive this power as they were baptized with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4 Now when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

## Samaritans

Then the Samaritans received this power.

Acts 8:14-17 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

## Gentiles

The Gentiles in Caesarea were the first Gentiles to receive this power.

Acts 10:44-46a While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Then the Ephesian believers received this power.

Acts 19:2-6 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

And they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?"

So they said, "Into John's baptism."

Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

## MINISTERING IN POWER

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### Earthen Vessels

We, as earthen vessels (jars of clay), contain the treasure of the Holy Spirit. Miraculous healings come not by our power, but rather by the power of God within us.

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

Micah 3:8a But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD ...

### Holy Spirit Empowered

We must be led and empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to minister in the gifts of healing. In our own strength, we will fail.

Zechariah 4:6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts."

## **Resurrection Power**

This healing power of the Holy Spirit which flows through the hands of believers is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.

Ephesians 1:19,20 And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.

Acts 4:33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Acts 5:12a And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people.

## **Confirms the Word**

The book of Acts resounds with accounts of demonstrations of the Spirit and power of God in the ministry of the early believers.

The apostle Paul said,

1 Corinthians 2:4,5 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

The effectiveness of Paul's ministry both in his teaching and his preaching was not because of his ability to logically argue and persuade others by human wisdom. His effectiveness in ministry was because of the demonstrations of the awesome power of God which was within. He released it to flow into the bodies of those who needed to be healed and delivered.

The Word of the gospel Paul preached was confirmed through these powerful demonstrations and faith came to the people.

Mark 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

## **Denying the Power**

Many Christians today don't experience the power of God in their lives because they haven't been taught properly or worse, because they deny the power of the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:5a Having a form of godliness but denying its power.

## **For Us**

The same power which was in Jesus and the apostles has come on us through the baptism in the Holy Spirit. We are

only limited in what we can do by our own lack of faith or commitment to Him.

We have been empowered from on high!

## **LEADING OF HOLY SPIRIT**

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### **Jesus Led by the Father**

True healing is always ministered through the power of the Holy Spirit and by faith in Jesus Christ. However, many times people do not receive the healing power for a variety of reasons. We will study this more in another lesson.

Jesus healed “all,” “every one” and “as many,” but Jesus said He only did what He saw the Father do.

John 5:19,20,30 Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

“I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”

In verse thirty, Jesus tells us He doesn't seek His own will, but rather that of the Father.

### **Jesus Led by Holy Spirit**

In John, we see that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit as He ministered healing. In the following example, there were many who needed healing. However, as Jesus was sensitive to the Holy Spirit, He was led to a certain man.

John 5:1-9 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?”

The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”

Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

We like Jesus, must be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit as we minister healing to the sick. Even as Jesus was led to the “certain man,” the Holy Spirit will lead us to the person who is ready to receive healing as we go about our daily lives.

## **HEALING POWER RELEASED BY FAITH**

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Many have asked, “If I have all this dynamite power in me, why don't I experience more miracles in my life?” We need to learn how to be led by the Holy Spirit. We need to learn how to turn on the switch of faith so the Spirit's dynamite power can flow through us into the bodies of the sick.

### **Switch of Faith**

An example of this can be found in the electric power systems in cities and buildings today. High voltage electricity generated by powerful generators (dynamamos) flows through huge wires to transformers. From there it is distributed through other wires which lead to many buildings and finally to the lights where we are.

Even with all that power surrounding us, it would be possible to sit in total darkness unless someone turned on the switch and let the power flow so light could fill the room. Faith is like that switch.

Jesus revealed the key to the healing miracle which the woman with the flow of blood received.

**Mark 5:34** And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”

It was her faith which released the dynamite power in Jesus to flow into her body.

Faith is always the switch that allows the power of God to flow. It can be the faith of the person who needs healing, the faith of others who are with him or her, or the faith of the person who is ministering healing.

### **Faith Comes**

To understand how this faith comes and how it is activated we will go back to the story of the woman.

**Mark 5:27** When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment; for she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”

Faith came to the woman with an issue of blood when she heard about Jesus. Faith always comes by hearing.

**Romans 10:17** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Going by her persistence in the face of all obstacles, this woman must have received a personal revelation about Jesus and His miracle working power.

She had gone from one physician to another and each time she had come away disappointed. Now her money was gone and she was getting worse.

But then faith came into her spirit, she left her home to go to Jesus. Perhaps her family tried to stop her knowing according to the law she was an “unclean” woman and could be stoned if a religious leader saw her.

When faith came to her spirit she was unstoppable. Even in her weakened condition, she pushed her way through the crowd around Jesus as she hurried to catch up. As she approached Jesus, one of the rulers of the synagogue was walking with Him, but still she didn't stop.

When faith comes into our spirits, we, like this woman, are unstoppable. Our feelings, our disappointments from the past, and our religious traditions cannot stop us!

## **Faith Speaks**

The apostle Paul wrote,  
**Romans 10:6 But the righteousness of faith speaks ...**

The woman didn't say, “I've tried all of the physicians and they couldn't help me.” She didn't say, “I'm just hoping and praying Jesus can heal me.” Instead she made a bold declaration of her newfound faith. She said, “If I just touch Him, I will be healed!”

## **Now Faith**

By faith, she knew she would be healed.

When faith comes, things move from what we have been hoping for some time in the future, into the realm of now.

**Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

The writer of the book of Hebrews began his definition of faith with the word, now. If it's faith, it's always now! She knew her miracle would come the moment she touched Jesus. Faith made her miracle so real she already believed the reality by what had been revealed to her spirit, even before she received the manifestation in her body.

## **Faith Acts**

The woman acted on her faith and touched His garment.

- Touching was a point of contact.
- It released her faith to receive.
- It allowed the healing virtue to flow into her body.

Faith is always accompanied by faith-filled actions. The apostle James wrote,

**James 2:20b ... faith without works (corresponding actions) is dead...**

When the rhema word of revelation causes faith to leap into our spirits, the things we have been hoping for spring into the realm of “now.” We boldly begin to speak our faith as we move into action.

Faith is the switch which either receives or releases the dunamis, dynamite healing power of God to flow. By turning on the switch of faith we can release the dynamite power within us to flow into the bodies of those who need healing.

## **QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW**

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1. Write three paragraphs discussing the dunamis power in Jesus, in Paul and in yourself.
  
2. Explain how the dunamis power of God and faith work together to bring about miracles.
  
3. How should this truth be activated in your life?

## Lesson Five

### Healing Through Laying on of Hands

There are numerous ways to minister healing, however laying on of hands is the most frequently used method in the New Testament. As we listen to the Holy Spirit, He will reveal how we are to minister at any given time.

When we lay hands on the sick, we are providing a point of contact through which the power of God can flow from us into others. It's like putting two hot wires together so the electrical power can flow. Laying on of hands, like anointing with oil, the use of handkerchiefs, or other cloths, provides a point of contact which can release faith.

In the next lesson, we will study the words of faith we should speak as we minister healing. Often, before we lay hands on a sick person, we should take time to release his or her faith by sharing healing scriptures, or by relating testimonies of others who have received a similar healing.

#### **BIBLE BASIS FOR LAYING ON HANDS**

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The laying on of hands has roots in the Old Testament.

It's important for us to understand that there is a real and tangible impartation through the laying on of hands.

#### **Old Testament Examples**

##### ➤ *Sin Transferred to Goat*

In the book of Leviticus, sin was transferred to a goat.

Leviticus 16:21,22 Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

##### ➤ *Wisdom Transferred*

Through the laying on of hands by Moses, the spirit of wisdom was transferred to Joshua.

Deuteronomy 34:9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.



## **Elementary Principles**

We find in Hebrews the laying on of hands is one of the elementary principles of Christ.

Hebrews 6:1,2 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Laying on of hands has always been used to impart, or transfer, from one to another.

## **Holy Spirit Received**

When Paul arrived in Ephesus, he placed his hands on the believers and the Holy Spirit came on them.

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Paul told Timothy to stir up the gifts which had been imparted to him by the laying on of hands.

2 Timothy 1:6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

As these examples illustrate, the Scripture teaches there is a spiritual impartation through the laying on of hands.

## **Don't Take Lightly**

The ministry of laying on of hands shouldn't be taken lightly. We should recognize, know, and respect those who minister among us.

1 Thessalonians 5:12 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you...

The laying on of hands which was often used to impart the gifts of the Holy Spirit, or an anointing and recognition for service was not to be by sudden impulse, but as led by the Spirit of God.

1 Timothy 5:22a Do not lay hands on anyone hastily ...

## **JESUS MINISTERED BY LAYING ON HANDS**

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When Jesus ministered healing, He was always reaching out, touching, laying His hands on the people.

### **The Leper**

Leprosy was a disease which was considered very contagious. However, when the leprous man asked for healing, Jesus ministered by laying on of hands – He touched him.

Mark 1:40,41 Then a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

## **Jairus' Daughter**

When Jesus was summoned to the death bed of Jairus' daughter, He took her by the hand (laying on of hands) and spoke life into her physical body.

Mark 5:35-42 While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping." And they laughed Him to scorn.

But when He had put them all out, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

## **Deaf and Mute Man**

In this example of the deaf and mute man, we see that Jesus touched the part of the body affected by the infirmity. He put His fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue.

Mark 7:31-35 And again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him.

And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

It's interesting to note the way Jesus placed His hands on people. Many times it was on the area needing healing. If our tradition has been to always place our hands on the head of a person, we could learn from the example of Jesus.

## **ALL BELIEVERS ARE TO MINISTER BY LAYING ON HANDS**

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### **Apostle Paul**

Paul also placed his hands on the one in need.

Acts 28:8 And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him.

### **Believers Today**

Jesus and Paul healed many people. They often touched the sick person when healing them. We, as believers, are also instructed to place our hands on the sick.

Mark 16:17a,18b And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will ... lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

The last instructions spoken by Jesus according to the book of Mark reveal His great love and compassion for the sick. These words are for believers today. We too, are to lay our hands on the sick.

## **PRACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR LAYING ON HANDS**

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Note: In sharing the following practical methods of ministering healing to the sick, we are not implying these are the only methods, or necessarily the methods you should use. They are, however, the methods which have proved successful for us and for thousands of other people around the world.

There are certain practical guidelines for placing our hands on the sick. These are based both on the Word of God, and by years of experience.

### **Where to Stand**

Since the healing power of God is in our whole body, we should stand as directly in front of the person as possible. This will also block out a lot of interference and allow the person to concentrate on what we are saying and doing. Use either one or both hands as you are led by the Holy Spirit.

### **Find the Need**

Ask the person for what specific healing they are believing God. For example, a person may be in a wheel chair and we assume they want healing in that area, but actually they may have a terrible headache they want us to pray for.

Phrase your question in a way so that the person needing the healing can respond with a positive statement of their faith.

Don't let the person give you a long list of negative details. By doing this they are actually saying, "My situation is different. This is going to be difficult for God to heal."

Interrupt negative recitals. Ask them again, "What are you believing God will do for you right now?"

Be sensitive, but be positive and don't allow them to continue giving you negative reports. This drains faith and may prevent their healing.

No matter what they tell you, always reply by saying, "That's easy for God!" It is. Keep your mind on how powerful God is, and how much He wants them to be healed!

**Matthew 19:26** But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

➔ **Negative statements build doubt. Positive statements based on God's Word build faith.**

## **Touch Part Needing Healing**

Touch the part of the body needing healing for a direct transfer of the healing power of the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 9:29** Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

Never lay hands on a personal part of another's body. If a person of the opposite sex needs healing in a personal area, have another believer of the same sex as the one needing healing assist you by laying their hands on the person needing healing.

Or, have the person needing healing lay their hand on the affected part and lay your hand on top of theirs. If neither of these alternatives are practical, place your hand on their head.

## **Release Power of God**

As you lay your hand on the person, form a mental picture of them being healed according to the promise of God's Word. Release the healing power of the Holy Spirit to flow into their body as you boldly speak, act, and expect the desired manifestation.

## **Ministering to Many**

When there are many people to minister to and the anointing to heal is very strong, usually it's best to move as rapidly as possible without taking time to listen to the specifics of the need.

People may try to stop you to gain more attention for themselves. They may do this because they feel their case is harder than others and so will take God more time, but this is evidence of unbelief or pride. Don't let people drain your faith, or quench the strong anointing of the moment.

Move in the powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit and lay your hands on as many people as possible in the shortest amount of time.

## **Release Your Faith**

When laying your hands on the sick, release your faith for them to be healed, not for them to go under the power, or to be slain in the Spirit.

People can be slain in the Spirit, and fall to the floor under the power of God and still not be healed. Others may be healed without falling under the power of God. Some are just seeking the experience of being slain in the Spirit and that is what they will receive.

Always release your faith for the person to be healed.

## **BACK, NECK AND PELVIC HEALINGS**

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Many people experience back pain because the nerves are being pinched due to a misalignment of the vertebrae, or a slipped or ruptured disc in the back. The nerve which is being pinched isn't able to pass a good signal from the brain to its intended muscle or organ causing many problems in the body besides back pain.

People with back pain will often appear to have one arm or leg shorter because of the misalignment in their backs. As the back adjustment takes place, a tangible evidence of God's healing power can be witnessed by watching the ends of the person's fingers or the alignment of the person's ankles or heels.

## **Healing Upper Backs**

If ministering to upper backs, have the person stand with their feet even across, have them swing their arms at their sides to relax, and then lock their elbows and spread their arms wide apart. Then with the palms facing one another, have them slowly bring their hands together until the fingers are touching. Often one arm will appear shorter than the other.

Instruct the person and all those watching to keep their eyes open. Have the person separate their hands about a fourth of an inch apart so there is no friction between their hands. With your hand open and face up, let their hands gently rest on your hand (laying on of hands).

Release the power of God, boldly commanding the vertebrae, discs, muscles and tendons of the back to be healed and to come into perfect alignment. Watch while the adjustment is taking place. After the adjustment stops, ask them to move around to check out their backs. Boldly ask,

“What happened to the pain?” Immediately, give God the glory.

When we start praising God for what He has done, faith grows stronger. A healing that may have just begun is suddenly complete. Praise is an important part of healing.

## **Lower Back Healings**

When ministering to a person needing a lower back healing have them sit in a chair with their hips all the way to the back. Stand, facing the person, bend over and pick up their feet. Notice the alignment of either their ankle bones or the heels of their shoes.

Release the power of God, commanding the vertebrae, discs, muscles and tendons to be healed and to come into perfect alignment. When the adjustment is complete ask them to stand and check out their back by bending or moving, or doing what they couldn't do before. Again, boldly ask, “What happened to the pain?” And again, be sure they give God the glory.

## **Neck Healings**

To minister to a person needing a neck healing, stand in front of the person placing the palms of both hands against the sides of their neck as you place your fingers on the vertebrae of the neck beginning with the index finger immediately under the base of the skull.

Release the power of God, commanding the vertebrae, discs, muscles and tendons of the neck to come into perfect alignment. Very gently direct them to move their neck in all directions. Remove your hands and have them move their neck. Boldly ask, “What happened to the pain?” Give God the glory.

## **Pelvic Healings**

Misaligned pelvic bones often cause a misalignment of the feet, problems with the organs in the pelvic area, scoliosis, or sciatica. Stand facing each other, place your hands on the top of their pelvic bones (just below the bottom rib) on each side. If a person is of the opposite sex, place your hands on top or theirs. In faith, release the power of God to flow.

Often their body will begin to turn from side to side as you command the pelvic bones, the sacrum (the wide flat bone at the base of the spine above the tailbone) and the organs to move into proper position. Again, have the person move around and check out their body. Ask, “What happened to the pain?” And give the glory to God!

## **HEALING THROUGH ANOINTING WITH OIL**

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Anointing with oil can either be done by pouring the oil on the head or by applying it to the person's forehead with your fingers.

### **Elders to Anoint with Oil**

This method of healing is specifically to be used by the elders of the church. This appears to be an effective method of healing when sin has been the open door for Satan to attack with sickness. If sin is the cause, acknowledgment of that sin maybe required for healing to be received.

**James 5:14-16** Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

This promise is for anyone who is sick who will call, or request the elders of the church to anoint them with oil for healing.

### **Disciples Anointed with Oil**

The disciples anointed with oil.

**Mark 6:13** And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

### **Anointing with Oil Today**

Throughout the Bible, oil is always a symbol of the Holy Spirit. When a person has received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, he or she has the healing power of God within and the symbol is no longer necessary; but it may be used as a point of contact to release faith!

Anointing with oil must be accompanied by the prayer offered in faith to make the sick person well.

**James 5:15a** And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.

Anointing with oil must never be an empty form. It must be done in active faith, releasing the power of God to flow.

## **HEALING THROUGH CLOTHS AND HANDKERCHIEFS**

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### **One Reference**

The use of anointed cloths is mentioned only once in the New Testament.

**Acts 19:11,12** Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

The healing power of the Holy Spirit was transferred from Paul's body to handkerchiefs or aprons. Illnesses were cured and evil spirits left them.

### **Valid for Today?**

#### **➡ Are anointed cloths valid for today?**

God will use many different methods to bring a person to a point of faith. Don't limit Him! The healing power of God is very real and tangible and can be transferred even by using a cloth.

This healing power is released by at least one person who is involved having complete faith in the power of God to heal. When a person brings a cloth to another person and asks for the anointing of that cloth, two or more people are praying a prayer of agreement for a certain person to be healed. Then, still in faith the person takes the cloth and lays it on the sick.

The anointed cloth then becomes a point of contact, and faith is again released for the healing power of God to be activated. It's the acting out of faith that God will honor.

### **How Are They Used?**

#### **➡ How are anointed cloths to be used today?**

Any Spirit-baptized believer who believes in the healing power of the Holy Spirit may lay hands on a cloth, and release God's power into it by faith.

It's suggested that cloth of natural fabric be used, (not synthetics, paper, or other objects).

This method can also be used when evil spirits, or spirits of infirmity are involved.

Many times a person is too ill to come to a Spirit-filled believer. The use of the anointed cloth is one way to minister when it isn't possible to be with them in person.

Healing through anointing with oil and anointed cloths is scriptural and valid for today.



## **QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW**

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1. Why is touching important when ministering healing to the sick?
2. Why is it sometimes best to lay our hands on the part of the body which needs healing?
3. Under what conditions can anointing with oil be used as a biblical method of ministering healing?
4. Under what conditions would it be advisable to use a cloth to minister healing to a sick person?

## Lesson Six

### The Words We Speak

Faith is limited or released by the words we speak. In Lesson Four, we learned that faith is the switch which lets the dunamis healing power of the Holy Spirit flow. We also learned that faith is always speaking faith-filled words. We saw the example of the woman with the issue of blood, speaking her faith as she said, "I shall be made well."

There are four categories of faith-filled words which we are to speak in addition to declaring the positive expectancy of our faith. The healing power of God is released by,

- speaking the name of Jesus,
- casting out the spirits of infirmity,
- speaking creative miracles,
- and speaking the Word of God.

#### **SPEAKING THE NAME OF JESUS**

Is there any special significance in saying the name of Jesus? Is there actually power in speaking His name?

The meaning of the name "Jesus" is actually a prayer, "God save us," or a statement "Jehovah is Salvation." There is indeed power in speaking the name of Jesus.

#### **Authority in Name**

What authority is in the name of Jesus?

All authority in heaven and earth.

Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

#### **Above All Other Names**

The name of Jesus is above every name.

Philippians 2:5-11 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Every sickness and disease has a name. Cancer, arthritis, and cerebral palsy are names. The name of Jesus is above the name of these diseases, and they must bow when in faith we speak, "Jesus!"

## Healing Through Name

Early Christians spoke healing in the name of Jesus. Consider again the example of Peter and John when they healed the man, lame from his mother's womb. They did it in the name of Jesus.

Acts 3:4 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

### ➤ *Faith in His Name*

Peter, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, tells us it is through faith in the name of Jesus that the man was healed.

Acts 3:16 And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

### ➤ *Threatened for Using Name*

As a result of this healing, Peter and John were arrested, held in jail overnight, and threatened by the Jewish leaders saying they mustn't speak in the name of Jesus. The religious leaders recognized the power of the name of Jesus.

Peter boldly answered their questioning about the healing of the lame man by saying,

Acts 4:10 Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

### ➤ *Signs and Wonders In His Name*

When Peter and John went back to their people and reported what had happened, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. They ended this prayer with a request for more signs and wonders.

Acts 4:29-31 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

➤ *Do Everything In His Name*

In Colossians we are instructed to do everything in the name of Jesus.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

➤ *Believe in His Name*

Mark 16:17,18 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

There was no punctuation in the original Greek language. We could just as accurately, read the following passage,

These signs will follow those who believe in My name:

- They will drive out demons.
- They will speak with new tongues.
- They will take up serpents (the devil).
- If they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them.
- They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

There is authority in the name of Jesus, the name above all names. The early Christians spoke healing in the name of Jesus through faith. Even at the threat of death, Peter emphatically stated healing was by the name of Jesus.

## **CASTING OUT SPIRITS OF INFIRMITY**

### **Jesus' Ministry**

Much of Jesus' healing ministry was accomplished by casting out demon spirits. Even today, many are being delivered of sickness and disease by believers taking authority over those spirits which have been assigned by the enemy to steal, kill, and destroy.

In Luke, we read of a woman who was held in bondage to Satan by a spirit of infirmity.

Luke 13:11-13,16 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Jesus clearly identifies this spirit of sickness as a bondage of Satan.

“So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?”

The word “infirmity” means a sickness or weakness. A spirit of infirmity is simply a spirit of sickness or weakness. It can be any kind of sickness.

## **Incurable Illnesses**

With God, there are no incurable diseases. Almost all diseases which the doctors describe as incurable, are caused by demon spirits. In ministering to these, we can either speak to the spirits of infirmity, or call them by the specific name of the disease. For example, we speak to the spirits of cancer, leukemia, or arthritis.

Included in the list of diseases which are usually caused by spirits of infirmity are the following:

- Aids
- Alcohol, tobacco, drug addiction
- Allergy
- Arthritis
- Asthma
- Blindness
- Cancer
- Cerebral palsy
- Deafness
- Depression
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Infection
- Insanity
- Leprosy
- Leukemia
- Lupus
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Muscular dystrophy
- Parkinson's disease
- Pain
- Palsy
- Sclerosis
- Tumors

## **Biblical Examples**

➤ *Mute*

Matthew 9:32,33a As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke.

➤ *Deaf and Mute*

Mark 9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, "You deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him, and enter him no more!"

➤ *Seizures*

Matthew 17:15,18 Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

And Jesus rebuked the demon, and he came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

➤ *Blind and Mute*

Matthew 12:22 Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.

➤ *Arthritis*

Luke 13:11,12 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

## **Binding and Loosing**

In dealing with spirits of infirmity, we have been given both authority and instructions for effective ministry.

Matthew 16:19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

➤ *Binding*

To bind means to constrain, to tie up, or to limit the ability to act. For example:

- "I bind you Satan over this person's body ..."
- "I bind you spirit of cancer ..."

➤ *Loosing*

To loose means to release the person from the bondage of the disease.

Luke 13:12b "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

## **Drive out Demons**

Part of the commission we have been given, is to cast out demons.

Mark 16:17a And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons ...

**Matthew 9:33** And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

➤ *Cancer – An Example*

When a person has cancer, it has been planted as a seed in their body by a demon spirit of cancer. Let us look at some practical suggestions for healing cancer.

- First, bind Satan in the name of Jesus.
- Bind the spirit of cancer and command it to come out in the name of Jesus.
- Curse the seed of the cancer, or tumor, and command it to die.

We must lay the ax of God's Word to the root of the cancer.

**Matthew 3:10** And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Cancer is certainly not good fruit. We can boldly command it to die and be destroyed from the root up.

Lay hands on the affected part of the body, release the healing power by faith, speak a creative miracle, and command destroyed, dead tissue and organs to come alive, or to be restored in the name of Jesus.

## **SPEAKING TO MOUNTAIN OF DISEASE**

Many times, parts of bodies are missing through accidents, surgery, birth defects, or deteriorating diseases. We can minister miracles by "speaking to the mountain" of the diseases and commanding new parts to form by speaking the creative power of God's Word.

**Mark 11:23** For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says.

The day before, Jesus had cursed the fig tree. The disciples were amazed when they passed it later and it was dead. Verse twenty-three is part of Jesus' explanation to them. He was saying in effect, "Fig trees are small, you can command a mountain to be removed!"

The mountains in our life may be spiritual, emotional, or physical. Mountains speak of strength and stability, but God and His Word are more strong and stable than any mountain.

## **Command!**

Jesus said, "Whoever says." He didn't say "Whoever prays and asks God to do it." To say means to make a command.

There is no mention in the Bible of the disciples praying for the sick after the Holy Spirit came. They ministered healing to the sick through His power – the same healing power which is now in us.

## **Heal the Sick!**

Many of us are praying for the sick as if we were begging a very reluctant God to heal and have had little results. We shouldn't ask God to do something He has told us to do through His power.

**Matthew 10:8** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

**Mark 16:18b** They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

## **Take Dominion**

God gave mankind dominion and ruling authority.

**Genesis 1:26a** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion."

We are to speak with authority and power as Jesus did because He has given us that power.

**Luke 4:32** And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

**Luke 10:19** "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

The message and authority of Jesus is in us and it still has power!

## **Speak the Word**

We can speak to the tree of sickness.

**Luke 17:6** So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Jesus rebuked the high fever of Simon's mother-in-law. He took authority over it.

**Luke 4:39** So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.



For example, we command the body to be normal.

- “Blood pressure – be normal!”
- “I command these kidneys to function normally in the name of Jesus!”

We speak creative miracles.

- “I speak a new heart into this body!”
- “I command these fingers to grow out!”

Mark 3:1,3,5b And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

Then He said to the man who had the withered hand, “Step forward.”

He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

## **Speak Boldly and Forcibly**

When we read the accounts of healing in the New Testament, we often read terms of exclamation such as:

John 11:43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!”

Acts 3:6b “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”

Paul ministered to a lame man in Lystra.

Acts 14:9,10 Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, “Stand up straight on your feet!” And he leaped and walked.

We have examples and directives to boldly speak words of healing. Even if this is different from our traditions, let's follow the Word of God.

## **SPEAKING WORD OF GOD**

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What we say plays a very important role in bringing healing to God's people. Our words can bring life or death, sickness or health. It's God's Words we must speak. God's Words bring healing.

### **Either Life or Death**

King Solomon made it clear that life and death are in the power of the tongue.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Many people are killing themselves and others by what they are saying. Others are learning to live by speaking God's Word in faith.

## **Confess Salvation**

The heart believes, and the mouth confesses salvation.

Romans 10:8-10 But what does it say? "The word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation.

Complete salvation includes healing and deliverance. Just as we believe with our hearts and confess with our mouths for salvation, so should we believe with our hearts and confess with our mouths for healing.

## **Speak the Word**

When the centurion came to Jesus and asked that his servant be healed, he knew the power of authority and of words. He said to Jesus, "Only speak a word, and my servant will be healed."

Matthew 8:5-10,13 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Jesus highly complimented this centurion for his faith in recognizing that all Jesus had to do was to speak and his servant would be healed. He not only understood authority, he knew the importance of speaking the Word. If we only speak the Word, we aren't speaking our feelings, our doubts, or our unbelief.

## **Listen to Word**

We are instructed to listen to His Words.

Proverbs 4:20-22 My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the

midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

### **Sent His Word**

In Psalms, we find that God sent His Word and healed them.

Psalm 107:20 He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

We send forth words by speaking them. We have the authority of Jesus. We can send forth the Word of God, by speaking it in faith and authority.

### **Not Returned Void**

God has promised that His Word will not return without results. It will not return void.

Isaiah 55:10,11 For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

We clearly see God's Word was given for a purpose and it will not return a failure. Part of the plan of God is to bring healing to the nations. We are the hands and mouth of God today. Let us hear His voice, speak His words of salvation, and bring healing to His people.

### **QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW**

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1. What do you expect to happen when you use the name of Jesus to minister healing to the sick? Explain why.
2. If you were called on to pray for someone who the doctors said was dying of cancer, or of some other "incurable" disease, how would you minister healing to them?
3. List five biblical examples of speaking forcibly in ministering healing.

## Lesson Seven

### Healing Through Action and Prayer

We have learned in the past lessons that it's important to understand the Word of God as it relates to healing the sick. However no matter how much we know, without action on our part, healing will not take place. We must speak our faith. We must take action. We must reach out to the sick.

#### **GOD'S PART – OUR PART**

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*For Miracles to happen, we must do our part  
and expect God to do His.*

*Noah built the ark – God flooded the earth.*

*Moses stretched out the rod – God parted the waters.*

*Joshua marched around Jericho's Walls – God tore them down.*

*Elisha threw the stick into the river – God made the ax head swim.*

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#### **God's Part**

In ministering healing to the sick, there is action we should take, and there is a corresponding action God will take. It's important to understand this two-fold process. As we believe the words of Jesus and take action based on faith, God will do His part and bring the manifestation of healing.

#### ➤ *All Things Possible*

It's easy to say with Jesus, "All things are possible with God!"

Luke 18:27 But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Mark 10:27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

It's harder to agree with Jesus when He said, "All things are possible to him who believes."

Mark 9:23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

In the natural, it may seem impossible. But if God has said it, it's possible to do, not in our own power, but in the power of God. God would never tell us to do something we cannot do.

Matthew 17:20 ... assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

## **Our Part**

### ➤ *Being Obedient*

Jesus commanded us to lay hands on the sick. We must never let fear cause us to be disobedient to this command!

1 Samuel 15:22 Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams."

If we are to experience healing miracles in our lives, we must be obedient to instructions and commandments of God's Word. We must be quick to obey whatever the Holy Spirit instructs us to do, no matter how awkward it may seem.

### ➤ *Developing a "Can Do" Attitude*

We can do anything God commands us to do if we develop our faith: if we stop saying, "I can't!" and start agreeing with God's Word by saying, "I can!"

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

### ➤ *Overcoming Fear*

Fear of failure or even shyness isn't from God. It will keep us from doing all God has planned for our lives. Abnormal fear is a spirit of fear sent from Satan to hinder us from obeying God.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

To act on God's Word, we must overcome the fear of failure, and never be fearful for our reputation if a miracle doesn't happen. If Jesus gave up His reputation for us, why should we be concerned about ours?

Philippians 2:7 But made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Never ask yourself, "But what if nothing happens?" Ask instead, "What if I obey and they do receive their healing?"

## **ACT ON FAITH, NOT FEELINGS**

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Feelings of fear, shyness, inadequacy and inferiority have prevented many from receiving the manifestation of their own healing, or from moving out in faith and ministering healing to others. We cannot operate in fear and faith at the same time.

As believers, we should live in the Spirit. Our minds should be renewed by the revelation of God's Word. Our actions should be in obedience to what God has revealed through His Word and spoken to our spirits.

As our souls are restored, our feelings and emotions will respond in obedience to our spirit and not to negative experiences of the past. No longer will Satan be able to keep us from obeying God.

### **Faith in Word**

If we are to believe God for healing miracles, we must first know from God's Word exactly what He said He will do.

#### **➔ Faith:**

- is never feeling and feeling is never faith
- has nothing to do with feeling – ignores feelings
- comes through the Word of God
- knows, believes, and receives all that God has revealed in His Word.

Feelings say, “I'm too tired.” “I don't know how ... Maybe I'll fail.” “I've tried doing it before and ...” “I would, but you know I'm just not bold ....”

Faith says, “I will believe and act on God's Word” “I will believe and receive” “I will not doubt and do without!”

A person can receive their healing by the power of God and not feel a thing. Another may feel great surges of God's healing power, a heat, a coolness, or a shock like a current of electricity.

For a manifestation of healing, one shouldn't look for feelings, but look for, believe for, and expect the promised results.

## ACT ON WORD OF GOD

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### Jesus Ministered Boldly

#### ➤ *“Stretch Out Hand”*

Jesus often healed by requiring some bold action.

Jesus healed the man with a withered hand by commanding him to do something he couldn't do.

**Matthew 12:10a,13** And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand ...

Then He said to the man, **“Stretch out your hand.”** And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

This same story is told in Mark 3:1-5, and Luke 6:6-10. These Scriptures talk about action. Jesus commanded the man to do something. The man did exactly what Jesus said, he stretched out his hand. By acting on what Jesus said, he was healed.

#### ➤ *“Go Wash”*

Jesus healed a blind man by telling him to wash in a certain pool.

**John 9:6,7** When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, **“Go, wash in the pool of Siloam”** (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

Did the man receive his sight when Jesus made the clay, when Jesus anointed his eyes, or when he washed in the pool?

The man received his sight when he believed, obeyed God, and acted on his faith.

#### ➤ *“Take Up Bed”*

Jesus commanded the man with palsy, **“Arise, take up your bed and go.”**

**Mark 2:11,12** **“I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go your way to your house.”**

And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, **“We never saw anything like this!”**

In the natural, it was impossible for that man to get up, pick up his bed, and go anywhere! But he knew what God had said. He acted on it immediately and he was healed.

## Disciples Followed Example

Peter and John followed the example of healing which Jesus had given. They commanded the crippled man to rise and walk.

Acts 3:6,7 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

## Faith Plus Action

James tells us that faith without action is dead.

James 2:14,17,18,20 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

We must act on God's Word, because faith without action is dead. As our faith goes into action, we release God's healing power to act. When God's power is allowed to flow into action, sickness must leave.

Faith-action is important in ministering healing. Sometimes it will be by the one ministering the healing. At other times, the action will be taken by the one expecting healing in obedience to instructions.

## Suggestions for Action

The instant you minister healing to someone, tell them to do something they couldn't do before. For example:

- "Move that arm" – "Bend over" – "Check it out"
- Boldly ask, "What happened to the pain?"

➡ **You believe God's Word is true! Act like it! Act on God's Word. Act on your level of faith.**

- Faith goes into action.
- God's healing power is released.
- Healing comes!



➤ *Warning!*

We must never tell a person to take off a brace, or to stop taking medicine, even by implication. We don't know where their faith is, or even if they have hindrances in their lives which may keep them from receiving the manifestation of their healing.

We should speak positively and let faith rise up in them. If they have faith to take off a brace, that is wonderful!

Note: You may be judged legally liable for any immediate, or future, negative results of any actions taken because of instructions you gave which are contrary to the instructions of medical doctors.

## **UNDERSTANDING PRAYER AND HEALING**

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### **Misconceptions**

There are some misconceptions about prayer, and its part in ministering healing to the sick. Some think we should pray and ask, or even beg God as if He were reluctant to heal. They find themselves giving God reasons for healing a person. For example, "He's such a leader in the Christian community ... He's such a good person, You should heal him."

God is not reluctant to heal the sick! He did His part two thousand years ago, as Jesus bore our pain and our sicknesses by the stripes on His body. Now, He has told us to do what He did; to heal the sick and raise the dead; to place our hands on sick people and they will get well!

Our traditional pattern may be to have prayer lines and pray for the sick, but God said to heal them.

Other than James 5:14 and 15, where the sick can call for the elders to anoint them with oil and the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well, we don't have any examples of healing after the day of Pentecost by the believers "praying for the sick."

### **Definition of Prayer**

Prayer shouldn't be a form of begging God to do something for us.

➡ **Prayer is an expression of faith in God's Word, in God's ability to perform His Word, and is agreeing that what God has promised, He will do.**

When we pray God's Word, our hope becomes faith, and our faith moves us to obey God by faith-filled actions. When we pray in an expression of faith, we begin to receive what God has already said was ours. We begin to do the works of Jesus. Prayer releases our faith into a positive action.

Prayer, as an expression of faith in God's Word, is a time of hearing from God which prepares us for times of ministry when we will heal the sick in obedience to the Word of God.

## **PRAYER OF AGREEMENT**

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### **Two of You Agree**

The scriptural concept of agreement in prayer is an important principle for us to understand and apply in healing the sick.

**Matthew 18:19,20** Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

### **Agreement**

When you agree, you are in total harmony with the other person. Where two are united, and are believing in Jesus' name for healing, prayer is bound to be answered because God is right there!

There is also more strength when we pray in agreement with someone else.

**Joshua 23:10** One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the LORD your God is He who fights for you, as He has promised you.

**Deuteronomy 32:30a** How could one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight ...

We need one another. Remember, one can chase a thousand, but two can put ten thousand to flight. The prayer of agreement can increase our effectiveness ten-fold.

When possible, we should build the sick person's faith by teaching them the Word for their healing to bring them into a level of agreement with us.

There are some cases where a person is too ill to grasp Bible truths about healing, or even to listen to the Word of God, and it's in such cases that two believers can mightily agree in prayer for that person.

When we agree together, our faith is multiplied and our effectiveness in ministry increases.

## PRAYER OF FAITH

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### Faith in God's Word

Prayer is a fundamental element in ministry. Our prayer should be effective and not senseless repetitions. Praying the prayer of faith is often the key to powerful results.

➔ **The prayer of faith is praying in agreement with the truths, commands, and promises of God. The prayer of faith looks into the unseen realm and counts it done. The prayer of faith brings fulfillment.**

James 5:14,15 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Mark 11:22-24 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

### Enemies of Faith

The strongest enemies of faith are in our unrenewed minds. We cannot operate in the Spirit and in our intellect at the same time.

#### ➤ *Unforgiveness*

There can be no effective prayer of faith if there is unforgiveness in our lives. Unforgiveness is a barrier between us and God. We cannot hold unforgiveness and operate in faith at the same time.

Mark 11:25 And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

#### ➤ *Unbelief*

Unbelief is the opposite of faith. The prayer of faith "believes you have received it." Unbelief prevents us from receiving what God has already done for us.

True belief is not based on someone's testimony though testimonies are certainly one of the ways we can encourage our faith. True belief is based on God's Word.

➤ *Doubt*

Doubt is also the opposite of faith. The prayer of faith cannot be given for healing if you doubt it's God's will to heal. Teaching which is contrary to the Word of God brings unbelief and doubt. Unforgiveness, unbelief and doubt are all areas of the mind.

If it might be God's will for us to be sick, then wouldn't it be wrong to pray the prayer of faith for healing? Wouldn't it also be wrong to seek help from any kind of medical professional, or to take medicine?

If God wants us to be sick as punishment, or to teach us something, or to bring glory to Himself, shouldn't we just accept being sick and do nothing to hinder God's will?

Praise God! He didn't say He wanted us to suffer sickness for Him, He said He suffered sickness, pain, and sorrow for us!

## **Instant Results?**

Does the prayer of faith always have instant, visible results?

If we don't experience instant results when we pray the prayer of faith, we still believe that we have received it. God's Word stands true. It's for us to believe and not doubt, trusting Him to completely and thoroughly remove all symptoms of disease. Many times, we experience the manifestation of healing over a period of time instead of by an instant miracle.

The prayer of faith is a vital part of the healing process. As we agree with God's Word and act as if it's true, great mountains will be moved.

Instead of focusing on any negative symptoms which remain, begin to praise God that you know His Word is true. Begin to praise Him for any positive changes in the symptoms, no matter how slight they may seem. Don't cast away your confidence. Keep believing and receiving until the full manifestation comes.

## **PRAYING THE WORD**

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### **Definition**

➡ **Praying the Word means to take an actual Scripture and pray it back to God, but change the Scripture to make it personal. This releases our faith in God to perform what He has said. For example,**

Father, You wrote in Isaiah 53:5 that Jesus was wounded for my transgressions, He was bruised for my iniquities: the chastisement for my peace was upon Him; and by His

stripes I am healed. Now I am believing You mean exactly what you wrote. I am healed!

Take God's Words with you as you go to Him in prayer.

**Ephesians 6:17,18a** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit ...

The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. Let's take up the weapons God has given us and defeat Satan. As we pray the Word, we can be confident we are praying in agreement with God.

## **Effective Prayer**

Effectively praying God's Word in faith and agreement is an important part in doing the works of Jesus and ministering healing to the sick.

**Mark 1:35** Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

**James 5:16** Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

## **PRAYING FOR INSTRUCTIONS**

We will be more effective in praying for ourselves and others, if we first take time to ask God for His specific instructions on how we should pray or minister healing. We have an example of this when Paul was ministering on the island of Malta.

**Acts 28:8** And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him.

Why does the Bible make it clear that Paul ministered healing to this man after he had finished praying? It appears his prayer was to hear from God – to receive specific instructions on how to effectively minister. In obedience, Paul laid his hands on him and healed him.

## **QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW**

1. Describe both our part and God's part in healing the sick.
2. Explain how you are to involve the Word of God in prayer.
3. Define the Prayer of Agreement and the Prayer of Faith, and tell how proper prayer can make you more effective in ministering healing to the sick.

## Lesson Eight

### Healing from the Inside Out

The Word of God reveals the truth – health and healing of our bodies is dependent on the health and healing of our souls. Studies by health professionals have concluded that unforgiveness, resentment, bitterness, and hatred can be a cause of diseases such as arthritis, rheumatism and cancer.

#### Close the Door!

Negative attitudes either in the mind or emotions, can give place, an open door, a right to the devil to attack our physical bodies.

Ephesians 4:26,27 "Be angry, and do not sin": Do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.

Often a physical disease is a symptom of the hurts that are held on the inside, in one's soul. By forgiving those who have rejected, betrayed, or wounded us, having our minds renewed by the Word of God, and our souls restored by the healing power of God, we can close these doors and remove Satan's right to attack our bodies.

Unforgiveness and other negative attitudes are hindrances to a person being able to receive the manifestation of healing in their bodies. Even those who receive physical healing may lose their healing if they refuse to forgive those who have hurt them.

Once a person has obeyed God and has forgiven those who have hurt them, they find it becomes easy to receive and maintain their healing. We call this being healed from the inside out!

The apostle John wrote,

3 John 2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

#### UNDERSTANDING THE SOUL

Since both our physical health and prosperity are dependent on the health of the soul, it's important to understand more about the soul.

➡ **The soul is the part of us which has to do with our natural senses and how we respond to what they perceive in the mental or emotional realm. It's made up of:**

➤ Our intellect – the part that reasons and thinks

- Our emotions – our feelings that respond to our senses
- Our will – our volition that makes our choices

## **Spirit, Soul and Body**

To understand our soul, we must be able to distinguish it from our spirit and our body. We were created as a triune being, and it takes each of these parts to make up our total being.

Before we were born again, we were spiritually dead. Our spirits were inoperative because of sin. At the moment of salvation, we became spiritually alive as new creations in Jesus Christ. Our body could be referred to as the house for our soul and our spirit. In simplistic terms we could say:

- We are a spirit.
- We have a soul.
- We live in a body.

Our born-again spirits, have the life of God in them. Our spirits are the part of us which are conscious of God and can fellowship with God and worship Him. As new creations, our spirits are as holy, righteous, blameless and complete as they will ever be.

## **Salvation of Our Souls**

Because of the hurtful experiences of the past, our souls, like our bodies, need to be healed. Our minds need to be renewed by the Word of God. Our emotions need to be healed by forgiving those who have hurt us and by receiving God's healing power. Our wills must become submitted to the lordship of Jesus.

Peter called this discipleship process of faith, the salvation of our souls.

**1 Peter 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.**

It's an experiential process of sanctification, of being set apart to God, which is bringing our soul and body more and more into the same place of wholeness as our spirit.

**1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **AFFLICTIONS OF THE SOUL**

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### **Source of Trouble**

There are many sources of afflictions which war against our soul. Because our parents, sisters, brothers, or our extended families were not perfect, we were all abused to some extent emotionally, physically, or even sexually as we were

growing up. Many other hurts have come through rejections, or feelings of rejection. Some have felt unloved, or have experienced betrayal by family or friends.

David wrote,

Psalm 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

James 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.

➤ *Harsh Parental Attitudes*

Harsh parental attitudes can cause damage to the soul and produce trouble for the child both when it happened and in the future.

Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

➤ *Immorality*

Immorality damages the soul and brings trouble not only to the involved parties but to those around them.

Proverbs 6:32-34 Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; he who does so destroys his own soul. Wounds and dishonor he will get, and his reproach will not be wiped away. For jealousy is a husband's fury; therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

➤ *Sinful Desires*

Sinful desires, such as lust, love of riches or position, are enemies of the soul.

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.

➤ *Sinful Acts*

Sinful acts make the soul sick.

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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## **HE RESTORES MY SOUL**

We have been teaching about healing in the physical areas, but is there healing for our souls?

### **King David's Prayer**

David prayed for healing of his soul.



Psalm 41:4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

Notice, David's soul was damaged by his own sin.

Psalms 6:1-4a O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure. Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled; but You, O LORD—how long? Return, O LORD, deliver my soul...

Psalms twenty-three is a beautiful picture of the peace God wants us to have in every situation. We can rejoice with David in the restoration of our souls.

Psalms 23:1-3 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul.

## **Satisfied Soul**

There is a special promise for the satisfaction of the soul.

Isaiah 58:10,11 If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

Isaiah wrote that if we would unselfishly give ourselves to helping others, our own darkness would become light. The Lord would guide us, strengthen us, and satisfy the needs of our soul.

## **Jesus Heals Brokenhearted**

Jesus healed the brokenhearted. He said,

Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed."

## **THE BATTLE WITHIN**

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### **The Spirit**

Before salvation, we were spiritually dead. Our souls and bodies ruled our lives. When we were born again, we were born of the Spirit. We became a new creation – a living spirit.

Until our souls have been healed and our wills have come into submission to Jesus as Lord of our lives, there will be a continual battle within.

God is Spirit. The only way we can have fellowship with Him is to live and walk in the Spirit.

John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

John 3:5,6 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: Old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

## The Flesh

Even though we have been born again and are now spiritually alive as new creations, we find our fleshly bodies and souls still want to control our lives. We must choose to live and walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16,17,24,25 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish

And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

When we submit our wills to the lordship of Jesus Christ, we begin the process of dying to sin. In effect, we crucify the flesh with its passions and desires so we can live and walk in the Spirit.

## The Intellect

The intellect (a part of the soul) of those who have not been transformed by the renewing of the mind cannot understand the things of the Spirit. They are foolishness to the natural mind.

1 Corinthians 2:13,14 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

The things of the Spirit are spiritually, not mentally, discerned.

### ➤ *Transformed and Renewed*

To be in subjection to our spirit, the mind must be transformed.

Romans 12:1,2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to

God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Apart from the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, psychology and counseling will always fail in their efforts to renew the mind. Our minds cannot be renewed by our own efforts to deal with the hurts of the past through human reasoning. The renewing of the mind can only be accomplished by a supernatural, transformational work of the Holy Spirit.

➔ **Our minds can only be renewed by the Word of God.**

- By reading, studying, and meditating on God's Word daily.
- By hearing anointed teachers who are full of God's Word, and who teach by the power and revelation of the Holy Spirit.
- By meditating on the Word until the Word becomes more real to us than the problem.

For example, if we are afraid, we can quote 2 Timothy 1:7 rephrasing it to make it personal.

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

As we read, study and meditate on the Word of God, the Holy Spirit will reveal His thoughts to us through our spirits.

Isaiah 55:8,9 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

## **HEALING OF THE SOUL**

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### **Faith for Healing**

When God reveals His thoughts to us, faith leaps into our spirits. This faith releases the power of God to heal and restore our souls.

Faith speaks in this way:

- "I'm no longer under guilt and condemnation. Through Jesus, I have the righteousness of God in me!"
- "I'm not hoping to be healed in the future. The Word of God says, 'By His stripes I have already been healed.' I'm believing total healing will be manifested now."

- “Body and soul get in line with God's Word! God's will is that I would prosper in all things and be in health just as my soul prospers.”

For ministry to ourselves or to others to be effective, it must be done in faith, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **God's Forgiveness Brings Healing**

### ➤ *At Salvation*

When we were born again through personal repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, all our past sins were forgiven. We received the righteousness of God Himself. In ignorance, many have been tormented with feelings of guilt and condemnation, not realizing they have already been forgiven.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

### ➤ *After Salvation*

After we have become believers, if we sin, we must be quick to repent, to turn away from sin, and to confess it to God.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

This is such a wonderful verse. If we sin, we are simply to confess that sin and God will forgive us. This is especially important today when we have so many people denying sin by saying,

“I'm not responsible.”

- “It's the way I was treated as a child.”
- “It's my husband's/wife's fault.”
- “It's my neighborhood.”
- “It's my economic situation.”

In our society, we have learned to think of our actions as the fault of someone else. We have been taught we are the helpless products of our environment. But this doesn't line up with the Word of God.

We must honestly take responsibility for what we do and acknowledge and confess it to God as sin. By faith, we can receive the full assurance we have been forgiven.

## **Through Forgiving Others**

There are three common areas of unforgiveness:

- Others

- Ourselves
- God

Matthew 6:14,15 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

We find healing of the soul when we forgive others. Forgiving is the only way to bring an end to a situation.

Often we hear people say things like, “They don't deserve to be forgiven,” or “They've never even acknowledged they did wrong!” God never made this a prerequisite before we are to forgive. They may never feel they did wrong. They may not want to be forgiven. All of this should make no difference to us.

➤ *We Deserve Freedom*

➡ **Even though the people involved may not deserve to be forgiven, we deserve to be free of the hurt, and the only way to be free is to forgive.**

For example, if you were abused as a child the abuser may never acknowledge it. Don't hold on to the desire to see them punished, or to hurt them back. Don't even hold on to your right to feel hurt.

If we don't forgive, we are allowing that person to hurt us over and over, year after year, by the memories which continue to haunt us. We are holding ourselves in a bondage as terrible as when we were first hurt.

➡ **We have a greater right! We deserve to be free of the results of that abuse.**

So forgive them! Leave it all in the hands of God, and then go on to a rich, full life.

➤ *It's Obedience*

Jesus commanded us to forgive others.

Matthew 18:21,22 Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”

Ephesians 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you.

Mark 11:25 And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.

We must forgive others in obedience to Jesus' commands. We can forgive because Jesus who now lives in us, forgave.

Forgiveness isn't something we wait to do when we feel like it. Forgiveness is a choice. It's an action we must do in obedience to God's command.

## Through Forgetting

We can find healing for our souls by not holding grudges.

Ephesians 4:26,27 "Be angry, and do not sin": Do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.

Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead ...

When we hold on to unforgiveness and anger, we give place, or open the door, for the devil to attack us in the physical, mental, and emotional realms.

After forgiving, we can receive the healing power of Jesus into our broken hearts. Our oppressed souls can be delivered and set free.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed ...

If we continue to talk about negative things from the past and all the old hurts, tensions, and anger are still there, we may not have truly forgiven everyone in the situation, or we are allowing the enemy of our soul to put all the "garbage" back on us.

Once we have forgiven, we may need to fight the memories from returning for a time, but finally, we will find we have not only forgiven, but we have forgotten and turned loose of all the hurt.

## Rest and Restoration

We can find healing for the soul through God's rest and restoration. Many times our souls are oppressed by the normal cares of the day. We have been so busy we haven't taken time to spend with God or to do the things we really desire to do.

Although it is hard, we should reconsider our priorities. Learn to say no when pushed to take on too many projects. Learn to listen to God and do only what He says.

Jesus said,

Matthew 11:28,29 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

The writer of the book of Hebrews talks about entering into His rest.

Hebrews 4:1-3a Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest."

By faith and self-discipline, we can enter into and receive a moment by moment rest and peace in our souls.

## **Praise God for Your Healing**

As our souls are healed, it is important we begin to bless the Lord with expressions of praise.

Psalms 103:1-5 Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Praise is an expression of our faith. Having obeyed God in each area we have studied, we are in faith, asking God for the healing of our souls, believing we have received the full manifestation of our wholeness, soul and body.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

➡ **We praise God that He has provided healing for our souls and our bodies, so we can be restored to be all He created us to be in His image – soul and body.**

What a joy it is to know we have been healed from the inside out! Because our soul is healed, Satan has no more place, no open door, or right to put sickness and disease on our bodies.

We can continue to walk in health. We can continue to boldly minister healing to others. This is God's will! This is our covenant right! Truly, He has revealed Himself to us as Jehovah Rapha, the Lord who is our healer!

Note: For more teaching on this subject read New Creation Image by A.L. and Joyce Gill.

## **QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW**

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1. Describe the three parts of the soul.
2. In your own words, describe the battle between the soul and the spirit.
3. Describe how to receive healing for the soul.

## Lesson Nine

# The Holy Spirit and His Gifts

### MANIFESTATION OF HOLY SPIRIT

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One of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in 1 Corinthians 12, is the gifts of healings. They are referred to as the gifts (plural) because many of the gifts flow and operate together as we minister healing.

The gifts of healings are manifested as the Holy Spirit ministers His healing power through Spirit-filled believers. They are His gifts, not ours. We are the vessels He uses to deliver the gifts to those in need.

When we enter into a deep, personal relationship with the Holy Spirit, these gifts will operate through us at different times as the needs arise.

### Person of the Godhead

➔ **God is one in essence, yet is identified in three distinct and individual Persons. Each Person of the Godhead is equal and each share all the attributes of God. Each is revealed separately, and has a definite function and personality.**

The Holy Spirit, even as the Father and Son, desires intimate communion with each believer.

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Paul referred to “the communion of the Holy Spirit.” Communion is the Greek word, “Koinonia” and means partnership, or participation. We are to be in partnership with the Holy Spirit. We are to participate and fellowship with Him.

### Helper or Comforter

In the gospel of John, the Holy Spirit is referred to as the Helper in four separate passages. The King James Version uses the name, Comforter. The original Greek word is “Parakletos” which means called to one’s side. It suggests the adaptability to give aid as an intercessor or counselor.

The Holy Spirit has been called to our side as our helper, to walk with us, to commune with us in intimate fellowship. He intercedes, comforts, and consoles us.

Jesus surprised His disciples when He said it was to their advantage He go away. By this statement, He made it clear



we are to value, treasure and appreciate the intimate presence of the Holy Spirit at our side even more than if Jesus were walking beside us in the flesh.

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away: For if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

According to Jesus' words in John 14:15, John 14:26, and John 15:26 the Holy Spirit would testify of Him, teach us all things, bring all things to our remembrance, and would abide with us forever.

## **GETTING TO KNOW HIM**

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Even as we treasure our intimate times of fellowship with the Father and the Son in worship and prayer, we should treasure and appreciate the continual presence of the Holy Spirit as He is at our side being our Helper, Comforter, Counselor, Teacher and Guide.

The Holy Spirit's power is explosive, awesome, and beyond measure. However, He is also a very gentle, caring, loving Person who can be grieved or quenched by indifference, disobedience, and sin.

### ➤ *Dwells in Us*

Because Jesus operated on this earth as a man, He could only be in one place at a time. How much greater it is for us today because the Holy Spirit and Jesus dwell in each of our lives continually.

John 14:16,17 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

### ➤ *Teaches Us*

The Holy Spirit is our Teacher.

1 Corinthians 2:13a These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

It's the Holy Spirit who will give us the words to say in times of crises.

Luke 12:11,12 Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.

➤ *Gives Power*

The power we are to operate in is that of the Holy Spirit.

Act 1:8a But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you ...

➤ *Gives Boldness*

The Holy Spirit gives us boldness.

Acts 4:31b ... and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

➤ *Gives Guidance*

He gives us guidance.

Luke 2:26a And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit ...

Luke 4:1a Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit ...

Acts 13:4a So being sent out by the Holy Spirit ...

Acts 16:6b They were forbidden by the Holy Spirit ...

➤ *Gives Love*

The Holy Spirit is the One who makes the love of God real to us.

Romans 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

➤ *Righteousness, Peace and Joy*

Through the Holy Spirit, we have righteousness, peace and joy.

Romans 14:17 ... for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

## **Guarantee of Redemption**

The Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance.

Ephesians 1:13,14 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

## **Gifts Manifested**

The Holy Spirit has given us nine different spiritual gifts. A number of these gifts relate directly to healing the sick. We can all learn to minister in these gifts so we will be effective in ministry.

1 Corinthians 12:1,7-10 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

- for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit,
- to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,
- to another faith by the same Spirit,
- to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,
- to another the working of miracles,
- to another prophecy,
- to another discerning of spirits,
- to another different kinds of tongues,
- to another the interpretation of tongues.

The operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives are a sign of His presence with us. They should never be used to build our prideful reputations. They should flow normally, without any show or fanfare, to demonstrate God's love to a hurting world.

In the following sections, we are going to study six gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they relate specifically to healing.

## **DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN SPIRITS**

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### **Definition**

- ➔ **The distinguishing between spirits is a supernatural insight into the realm of the spirit world. It reveals the type of spirit, or spirits, behind a person, a situation, an action, or a message. It's a knowing in our spirit which comes by supernatural revelation concerning the source, nature, and activity of any spirit.**

There are three areas in the spirit realm which can be distinguished through the operation of this gift.

- The Spirit of God, or His angels
- The human spirit
- Satan or demon spirits

### **Spirit of Infirmity**

Often, demon spirits of infirmity are responsible for a person's sickness or disease. For example there are spirits of cancer, arthritis, resentment and bitterness. By the spiritual gift of the discerning of spirits, the Holy Spirit will reveal, or put His finger on the exact source of the problem, so the person can be delivered and healed.

Luke 11:20 But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

## How Gift Operates

When a person is led by the Spirit of God, the manifestations of the gift of the discerning of spirits will come by an impression, or a thought, which reveals the identity or name of the spirit which is the source of the problem.

Matthew 9:32,33 As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

In order to operate in the spirit realm and fight in spiritual warfare most effectively, we need to understand and yield ourselves to the operation of the gift of discerning of spirits. Through this gift, the Holy Spirit will direct and empower us.

## WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

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### Definition

➡ **The word of knowledge is a supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit of certain facts, present or past, about a person or situation, which were not learned through the natural mind. This gift gives information from God which is not known naturally.**

### Jesus and Samaritan Woman

In the story of the Samaritan woman, Jesus knew by the word of knowledge she had five husbands, and that her present husband wasn't hers by marriage.

John 4:18 ... for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.

The knowledge about this woman came to Jesus not because He was the Son of God, but rather, because He was operating as the Son of Man through the gifts of the Spirit.

### Word of Knowledge for Healing

Often in ministering healing, God will reveal a word of knowledge about a specific sickness. Sometimes it's for one specific person, and sometimes for a number of people.

It can be identified by the name of the disease, by the location of the pain, or by the name of the part of the body that God will manifest His healing through.

### How It Comes

The word of knowledge comes in different ways while ministering healing.

- By a feeling of discomfort often described as a pressure, a tingling, or a sensation.
- Sometimes it will be felt as a slight pain.

The word of knowledge can be by a word, or thought, which describes the sickness, disease, or pain.

- The name of the disease
- The name of the part of the body affected

The word of knowledge can also come by a vision of the part of the body needing healing.

#### ➤ *Sick Person Revealed*

Sometimes, God will reveal the general location of the person, or even the exact person whose healing will be manifested. This is sometimes described as a pull (as if by a magnet) toward that section of the room, to a particular aisle, or to the exact location of the person.

Other times, this can come as a light, or glow, or other feeling which draws your attention to a particular person.

Sometimes, the Lord will reveal the names of people, or give other identification, which will assure them that the Holy Spirit is pointing them out for a particular healing.

#### ➤ *Faith Released*

When the Holy Spirit reveals a particular healing by the word of knowledge, and that person immediately acknowledges that he, or she, is the one that's being described, faith is released, and the healing will be manifested.

#### ➤ *Caution Against Familiar Spirits*

The person operating in this gift must be careful he, or she, is actually receiving a word of knowledge, and not listening to familiar spirits. One simple way to discern the presence of familiar spirits, is to watch who is being glorified.

- Is the one ministering drawing attention to himself and his abilities?
- Are people becoming spectators and enjoying the "show"?
- Is the operation of the word of knowledge bringing the audience to a higher level of faith in God, or of faith in the person ministering?

The Holy Spirit will never bring glory to an individual, always to God!

➤ *Be Willing to Step Out*

When the person learning to minister in this area of the word of knowledge receives a particular revelation from God, he should step out in faith, and speak that word.

- We should be willing to look foolish if we are wrong.
- We shouldn't be held back by fear of failure.
- We should learn to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit.
- We should obey God, step out in faith, and let God be glorified in the healing.

## **WORD OF WISDOM**

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### **Definition**

➡ **The word of wisdom is a supernatural revelation given to the believer. It's God's wisdom to proceed on a course of action based on natural or supernatural knowledge. It reveals God's plan and purpose:**

- for our lives and ministries
- to be done immediately or sometime in the future
- on how we should minister to a certain need

The word of wisdom comes in many forms: an inner voice, through a vision when awake, through dreams when asleep, through operating in the vocal gifts.

### **In Healing**

The word of wisdom operates closely with the gift of discerning of spirits and the word of knowledge. It's a revelation of how to minister to a particular need.

The word of wisdom is given for protection and instruction and often reveals how to apply knowledge revealed through the word of knowledge and the discerning of spirits. It may give an insight to minister in a certain way.

The word of wisdom may instruct us to:

- lay hands on a person
- speak a word
- perform a creative miracle
- cast out a demon

The word of wisdom gives us the wisdom to effectively minister in the gifts of healings. It creates faith to minister boldly.

## GIFT OF FAITH

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### Definition

- ➡ **The gift of faith is a supernatural faith for a specific time and purpose. It's a gift of power to accomplish a certain task in whatever situation you are in at that particular time.**

### Supernatural

The gift of faith comes supernaturally and without any effort on the part of the one ministering.

- It isn't the measure of faith given to every believer.
- It isn't the faith that comes by the study of the Word of God.
- It comes supernaturally by the Holy Spirit when needed for a special miracle.

### ➤ *With Miracles*

The gift of faith is sometimes given when a creative miracle is to be manifested. Suddenly, the one ministering will see in the Spirit, the missing part of a body being restored. This is the operation of the spiritual gift of the word of wisdom.

### Example

Peter appears to have been given the gift of faith when he boldly said to the lame man,

Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk (Acts 3:6).

## WORKING OF MIRACLES

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### Definition

- ➡ **The working of miracles is a supernatural intervention in the ordinary course of nature. It is a supernatural demonstration of the power of God by which the laws of nature are altered, suspended or controlled.**

When used to bring a restoration in the form of a creative miracle to a physical body, it operates as one of the gifts of healings.

### Creative Miracles

Many times, parts of people's bodies are missing from accidents, surgeries, birth defects, or deteriorating diseases. Perhaps, our faith has not grown to the place where we are able to believe God for creative miracles to take place.

The faith we need must be solidly based on our knowledge of the Word of God.

## **Revealed in Word**

We must have read, studied, and meditated on what God's Word declares about creative miracles. We must know all things are possible with God.

**Matthew 19:26** But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Jesus ministered a creative miracle.

**Mark 3:3,5b** Then He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Step forward." He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

We know Jesus said we would do the same works that He did. We know the promise of Jesus.

**Mark 9:23** Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

## **Word of Wisdom – Gift of Faith**

Suddenly, a word of wisdom in the form of an impression or vision may leap into our spirits. We see ourselves ministering a creative miracle to that person in a certain way. In the Spirit, we see the miracle taking place before it happens in the physical realm.

No longer is there a struggle to believe. The gift of faith has come into our spirits. Our faith is supercharged with a bold confidence that the miracle is going to take place.

## **Working of Miracles**

We immediately begin to work out what we have already seen ourselves doing in the Spirit. This is the working of miracles.

We begin to boldly speak and command new tissue, bone or organs to be formed. We create with a positive expectation of our faith until the manifestation of the creative miracle is complete.

## **Jesus Working with Us**

We know Jesus is right there working with us as He was with the early believers.

**Mark 16:20** And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.



## GIFTS OF HEALINGS

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### Definition

➡ **The gifts of healings are the supernatural impartations of God's healing power into people who need healing. They are described as gifts (plural) because a number of the gifts flow and operate together as the gifts of healings. The person receiving the healing has received the gifts of healings.**

### Are Supernatural

The spiritual gifts of healings are not the same as medical science. Luke, the writer of the books of Luke and Acts, is a good example. Writing to the Colossians, Paul identified him as a physician.

Colossians 4:14 Luke the beloved physician ...

Luke was on the Island of Malta with Paul, but there's no mention of the sick coming to him. After Paul healed Publius, the people brought the sick to him and they were healed

Acts 28:8,9 And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed.

Even though a medical doctor was there, it was the apostle Paul who supernaturally healed the people.

Note: As we minister, we want to be balanced and cooperate with doctors and medical science. Many of us are alive today because doctors kept us alive until our faith could grow strong enough for us to receive our healing. But don't confuse medical science with the gifts of healings.

Never tell anyone not to go to their doctor or to quit taking their medicine. When they are healed, they will no longer need the medicine. Since their doctor prescribed the medicine, he must be the one to tell them to discontinue it!

### Purpose of Gifts of Healings

There are three purposes for the gifts of healings:

- To deliver the sick,
- To destroy works of the devil in human bodies,
- To confirm the message of salvation through signs and wonders.

As we move into a closer relationship with the Holy Spirit, the gifts of healings and other gifts of the Holy Spirit will flow and operate through us.

By a word of knowledge, we may receive supernatural knowledge which reveals God wants to heal a certain person or disease. The gift of the discerning of spirits may reveal a demonic source of the disease which needs to be cast out.

Through the word of wisdom, we receive supernatural revelation on how to effectively minister to that person. We see ourselves doing it. We see the healing or miracle taking place. This releases the gift of faith and we boldly begin to minister in the working of miracles.

As we learn to minister in all the gifts of the Holy Spirit and in faith expect them to flow and operate in our lives, we will discover it is just as easy to work a miracle as it is to give a message in tongues, or to operate in any of the other gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Note: Supernatural Living Through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit by A.L. And Joyce Gill is a more in-depth study of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

### **QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW**

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1. Describe who the Holy Spirit is and what He does in our lives.
2. How is the discerning of spirits helpful when praying for the sick?
3. Explain the operation of the word of wisdom and the gift of faith while we minister healing and creative miracles.

## Lesson Ten

### Receiving and Keeping Your Healing

In this lesson, we will study hindrances to healing and how to keep our healing. Many times the things which will keep us from being healed are the things that, if allowed to come back, will cause a person to lose their healing.

The first part of this lesson is a review of the things we have learned. It's time to bring these truths into focus in our own lives.

#### **HINDRANCES TO HEALING**

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When a person doesn't receive the manifestation of his or her healing, there is a reason. That person should spend time with the Lord searching for the cause. He or she must be careful not to receive condemnation while going through this time of searching. God doesn't condemn. He corrects and instructs in His righteousness as He's conforming us to the image of His Son.

If you are believing God for a healing right now, stop here and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you why you haven't received the manifestation of your healing. Act quickly on whatever God reveals to you as you go on through this study.

#### **Questions to Ask Ourselves**

➤ *Unforgiven Sin*

➡ **Is there unforgiven sin forming a barrier between me and God?**

Sin wounds the soul and opens the door for spirits of infirmity to bring sickness to our bodies. Confessing known sins to God and receiving His forgiveness is necessary to receive healing.

James 5:15,16 *And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

Unforgiven sin allows sickness to stay. Satan may try to hide this sin from us. We may try to rationalize it away, but the sickness remains. We must confess this sin to God to receive His forgiveness.

Matthew 9:2,5-7 And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

"For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God who had given such power to men.

If there is any sin in our lives, we are to confess it to God and receive forgiveness.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

➤ *Unforgiveness Toward Others*

➡ **Have I forgiven every person who has hurt me? Have I forgiven myself? Have I forgiven God?**

In ministering to people over the years, and in talking with other ministers, we have found unforgiveness is the primary cause of a person not being healed.

It's easier to forgive others, than it is to forgive ourselves. We hear people say things like, "How could I have been so stupid. Why did I let myself get into this situation?" How often we excuse others and expect perfection of ourselves.

Forgive yourself!

When terrible things happen, people often blame God. "Why did God let this happen to me? He's God! He could have stopped it!"

If this is true in your situation, confess your feelings honestly to God. He already knows how you feel.

Say, "God, I have misunderstood. I know You're a God of love. I know You love me more than I can even imagine. Now, I realize that it was Satan, and not You who was responsible for this tragedy in my life. I have held this against You. But now I forgive You and release all these negative feeling to You."

Mark 11:24,25 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

➤ *Unworthiness, Guilt, Condemnation*

➡ **Am I allowing feelings of unworthiness, guilt, and condemnation keep me from receiving from God?**

Some of the most subtle and dangerous weapons of the devil are thoughts of unworthiness, guilt, and condemnation. Guilt is taken care of through confession of sin and by faith receiving forgiveness. If feelings of guilt continue, they, along with feelings of unworthiness and condemnation, are from Satan.

Our worthiness is through Jesus. We are the righteousness of God in Him. We are in right standing with God the Father because of Jesus.

For us to feel unworthy is to deny the redemptive work of Jesus, His righteousness, and our position in Him.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Reject those feelings. Start declaring God's Word and become strong in these areas.

➤ *False Hope*

➡ **Am I allowing a false hope, a delusion that sometime in the future I'll be healed, take the place of faith?**

There is a true hope which precedes faith. It's believing we will receive the manifestation of that which we desire in the future.

When we hear or read the Word of God, we will be moved from despair to hope. However, if we don't move on from hope to faith, it can become false hope.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

When we hope for our healing, it means we haven't yet received faith for healing, but we expect to receive it sometime in the future.

Sometimes a person believes he or she will be healed when some future event or time comes. Often they are putting unreal expectations on themselves and then move into self-condemnation.

False hope which doesn't advance into faith is a delusion. It's a hindrance to healing that Satan wants you to accept – reject it!

➤ *False Teaching*

➡ **Are there seeds of false teaching I have received in the past keeping me from being healed?**

Teaching that's contrary to the Word of God, or lack of good teaching has allowed Satan to steal from Christians what's rightfully ours. False teaching says:

- Sickness is God's will.
- Pain will teach you patience.
- Disease will bring you closer to God.
- Suffering will bring glory to God.

Take any false teaching you have received and say, "I reject ..... today. I command every thought that is contrary to God's Word to expose itself and to come out of my thinking."

➤ *Doubt and Unbelief*

➡ **Am I holding unbelief in my Heart?**

Unbelief may be from past teaching, from unresolved sin in our lives, or even from times of disappointment when trying to believe God for our healing in the past. Unbelief is the opposite of faith.

If we are fighting with unbelief we can pray, "Lord help my unbelief!" And then meditate on what God's Word says about healing.

Mark 9:24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

➤ *Trusting Natural Senses*

➡ **Am I trusting my natural senses instead of letting my spirit believe God's Word?**

With our natural senses, we believe what we can see, hear, touch, smell or taste. We must realize that the revelation of God's Word is more real and true than anything we sense. Let's consider doubting Thomas.

John 20:24-28 But Thomas, called Didymus, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"

Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus' answer to Thomas is still the best answer to us today!

V.29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

*Pray, "Lord, let what Your Word teaches be more real to me than anything I can see, hear, touch, smell, or taste. Let me move more and more into the realm of the Spirit and believe Your Word more!"*

## **KEEP HEALING BY BEING ARMED FOR BATTLE**

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### **Recognize the Enemy**

The devil is a robber and a thief. He's the enemy of our health.

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

The devil comes as a roaring lion seeking to destroy.

1 Peter 5:8,9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Satan's the enemy of our body, soul, and spirit. We must recognize his strategy and keep him defeated in our lives.

### **Be Strong in Lord**

We must learn to be strong in the Lord, to keep our armor on, to be alert, ready to win every battle. The great warrior, the apostle Paul, wrote to us concerning this.

Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

### **Discern Satan's Arrows**

The devil tries to rob our health by using his flaming arrows of pain, symptoms, negative thoughts, and doubt.

**Ephesians 6:16** Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

We have been given the shield of faith to resist the attack of Satan. Pain, symptoms, and negative thoughts of doubt cannot destroy us if we boldly continue to use our shield of faith.

➤ *Negative Thoughts*

We must watch our thoughts and not let doubt settle in our minds. The best way to do this is by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

**Matthew 14:27-31** But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

When we begin to be influenced by our feelings, our fears, negative appearances, or the words of others, we are going to sink.

➤ *Worry*

Worry, like doubt, is the opposite of faith. A person cannot walk in faith and worry at the same time! Worry is sin. Worry is actually believing God's Word isn't true.

**Luke 12:22,29** And He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind."

➤ *Reject Them*

We must learn to reject negative thoughts immediately. We must deliberately reject thoughts of sickness and disease the instant they strike our minds. Paul wrote that we must bring every thought into captivity to Jesus.

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ ...



We must always guard our thoughts and keep them in agreement and obedience to the thoughts of Christ as revealed in His Word regarding our healing and health.

Our minds must be disciplined to reject thoughts or symptoms which are not in agreement with the Word of God.

We must reject thoughts which bring sickness such as “I think I’m coming down with the flu.” This opens the door for Satan to defeat us. As we stay alert to Satan’s schemes, we can maintain our health.

## **STAND UP TO STORMS OF LIFE**

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In the parable of the sower, we are warned that after we receive the seed of the Word in our heart, Satan, typified by the birds of the field, will come immediately to steal the seed.

**Mark 4:3,4,14-17** 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.

In explaining this parable Jesus said,  
The sower sows the word. And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. And when they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word’s sake, immediately they stumble (are offended – KJV).

Jesus warned that once we have received certain truths from His Word, Satan will come immediately to steal it. Jesus also made it clear that Satan’s scheme to rob us will be by the use of tribulation and persecution.

### **Tribulation and Persecution**

What are tribulation and persecution?

Webster’s Dictionary uses such words as distress, affliction, misery, oppression, sorrow, suffering, and trials to describe tribulation. It says persecution is persistent, unwelcome attention, infliction of pain, punishment, or death especially for reasons of religion.

Satan knows that if God’s Word is allowed to remain in a person’s life, he will not be able to defeat them. So he will try anything to make them doubt that particular Word.

If a person has received the Word of God concerning healing and has received the manifestation of healing in his, or her body, Satan often hurls his fiery darts of symptoms

and pain. He tries to put the fiery dart of a negative imagination in their mind saying the sickness has come back.

## Great Windstorm

Jesus was sitting in a boat as He taught the parable of the sower to a great multitude which had gathered by the sea shore. He warned the people that Satan would come immediately to steal the seed of the Word.

Later the same day, as they were crossing over to the other side, He went to sleep in the back of the boat.

**Mark 4:37-39** And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

### ➤ *Come for Word's Sake*

Tribulation and persecution had arisen for the Word's sake in the form of a great windstorm. Just as Jesus had said, Satan had come immediately to steal the seed of the Word out of their hearts. Instead of acting in faith and speaking to the storm themselves, like those in the parable, they became offended.

These fishermen, experienced in handling the frequent windstorms on the lake, panicked and feared they would drown. They were offended because Jesus was asleep and seemed to be uncaring about their situation. They awakened Jesus and accused Him, "Teacher, do You not care we are perishing?"

Perhaps, we have responded to the tribulations and persecutions of sickness, disease and pain by crying to God "Don't you care I'm perishing? Don't you care these symptoms have come on me?" Perhaps, we like the early disciples, have become offended and blamed God for letting this happen to us. By so doing, we too have allowed Satan to steal the seed of the Word out of our hearts.

### ➤ *"Peace be Still"*

**Mark 4:39-41** Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"

And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

If Satan can steal the Word we have received, he can also bring the symptoms of sickness and disease back on us.

When Satan brings storms against our lives, we, like Jesus, must stand up in our boat and boldly, confidently speak the Word of God. When we do, our faith will grow. We will prove God's Word in our own lives and we will become stronger and stronger in faith!

## **Our Decision**

At the moment the fiery darts of persecution and tribulation come, we must make a decision.

- Do we believe the Word of God, or our traditional beliefs?
- Do we believe the Word of God, or do we believe our symptoms?
- Do we believe the Word of God, or do we believe the words of our doubting friends?
- Do we believe the Word of God, or the doctor's report?

We must decide within ourselves to stand on God's Word no matter what doctors, friends, or symptoms say. We cannot, at this moment, stand on another's faith, teaching, or testimony. We must stand with our own faith firmly based on the Word of God.

## **Cares of This World**

Jesus also warned that the Word which we have received could be choked out of our lives, if we allow the cares of this world, worldly thoughts and attitudes to come into our minds.

**Mark 4:19 ... 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.**

As we keep the soil of our hearts cultivated, and watered by continuing to meditate on the Word of God, our hearts will remain good ground. We will live in victory and abundant blessing.

**Mark 4:20 But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: Some thirty fold, some sixty, and some a hundred.**

## **GIVE NO PLACE TO SATAN**

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We should give no opening to the devil by keeping sin out of our lives.

### **“Sin No More”**

After Jesus healed the impotent man at the pool of Bethesda who had the spirit of infirmity for thirty-eight years, Jesus went looking for him to give him one important message.

John 5:14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

If we hold unconfessed sin, or sin we haven't repented of in our lives, we give place to the devil to bring sickness on us, and to rob us of our healing.

Ephesians 4:27 ... nor give place to the devil.

## **Give No Place to Spirits**

Spirits of infirmity are always looking for an opening to come back and return to the house.

Matthew 12:43-45 When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.

## **Keep House Full**

We must keep our houses, our bodies, full.

➤ *Of Jesus*

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

➤ *Of Holy Spirit*

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

➤ *Of Word of God*

John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

➤ *Of Faith*

1 John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

God's perfect nature cannot tolerate sin. If we allow sin to continue in our lives, we remove ourselves from the protection of God and open the door for Satan to rob us of our health and peace of mind.

## **FIGHT TO KEEP YOUR HEALING!**

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### **Keep Armor On**

Keep your shield of faith strong and always ready to quench the devil's flaming arrows of doubt and unbelief.

### **Health Is God's Will**

You can walk in divine health by knowing it's God's will for you to be healed.

Acts 10:38 ... how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

3 John 2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

### **Hold Faith Firmly**

We must hold firmly the faith we profess. What we profess is how we live, what we do, and what we say.

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Romans 10:6-10 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' "(that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, "Who will descend into the abyss?" "(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? "The word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation.

We must be careful not to let our mouth destroy our testimony with careless talk. We hold fast to faith and to the Word of God by always telling what God's Word says.

### **Speak God's Word**

Regardless of symptoms to the contrary, keep on believing and speaking God's Word.

Joel 3:10b ... let the weak say, 'I am strong.'

2 Corinthians 4:13 But since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak.

At first it seems strange and even difficult, but if we will discipline ourselves to speak the Word and not doubt, we will live in the victory which is ours in Christ!

## **Be More Than Conquerors!**

We must know we are more than conquerors!

Romans 8:37-39 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Circumstances, demons, or other people cannot separate us from God's protection. We are the only ones who can separate ourselves. By knowing the Word and who we are in Christ, we can maintain the faith and remain in health.

It's God's will for people to be healed, to keep their healing, and to live in perfect health. We must understand and follow God's plan of spiritual warfare and faith. We must avoid doubt and sin. By knowing, believing, speaking, and acting on God's Word, we will continue to live in good health in body and soul!

### **QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW**

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1. What are three things which can cause hindrances to a person's healing and how should they be overcome?
2. What's the connection between the parable of the Sower and the Great Windstorm and how does this relate to you?
3. How can we fight Satan and keep our healing?

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