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PREFACE

We present this manual on healing according to God's word to encourage the body of Christ to take hold of this precious promise of the New Covenant purchased for us in the blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. There have been many centuries of proclaiming the Gospel without the revelation that our salvation includes healing. Therefore, when healing is taught as God's will for us now, though we know this to be true, we stumble because it appears too big a mountain to defeat with our faith. The problem is not the word of God, for it is always true and it fully proclaims that healing belongs to the children of God. The problem is that our history of unbelief is so huge we need to become aggressive in our pursuit of God's will for healing or it will remain out of reach. The world hungers and cries out for a Gospel with power to defeat the disease and unnatural death that pervades our culture. Jesus gave us such a Gospel. He is our victory. He is the Gospel. It's all contained in Him.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

When we turn away from Jesus we may find some remedies that work for a while and produce a degree of relief or comfort. But they are not the Gospel. They are no substitute for what Jesus paid to freely give us. To enjoy the benefits of the New Covenant we must come to Jesus. He is the well that springs up into a river of everlasting life. His Spirit is the river of life emanating from the throne of God. In its current it carries wonderful leaves from the Tree of Life for the healing of the nations.

John 4:12-14

¹²“Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?” ¹³Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴“but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

Revelation 22:1, 2

¹And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ²In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Your healing is in Christ and by His Spirit. Come to the River of the Water of Life and drink.

YOUR HEALING IS FULLY PAID FOR

For too many years we have lost hold of the truth that Jesus not only paid for our sin at Calvary, but He also paid for all of the effects of our sin upon our lives, including disease, infirmity and destructions of the flesh. He paid the price to make us whole in spirit, soul and body. This is all included in the work of Christ to reconcile us to our Heavenly Father.

2 Corinthians 5: 17-19 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

¹⁷Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh *and* new has come!

¹⁸But all things are from God, Who through *Jesus Christ* reconciled us to Himself [received us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself] and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation [that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him].

¹⁹It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling *and* restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up *and* holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor).

Reconciliation means more than being cleansed from sin. It also includes restoration to a position of divine favor with God. This was accomplished for each one of us as Jesus Christ shed His blood on the way to and on the cross at Calvary.

The Greek word is “katallagē”. In the Strong’s dictionary (reference number G2643) it is defined as *exchange* (figuratively *adjustment*), that is, *restoration* to (the divine) favor: - atonement, reconciliation (-ing).

Though the idea of “reconciliation” is indicated in the Old Testament word “atonement”, it is not a complete reconciliation. In the Old Testament we usually find the Hebrew word “kaphar” translated “atonement.” Its general meaning is to cover sin. In the New Testament there are four words in the Greek (from two root words) which convey the concept of reconciliation as explained in the previous paragraph. Only once do the translators of the King James Version use the word “atonement” in the New Testament; Romans 5:11. However, other versions of the New Testament use the word “reconciliation” in that passage. This is to be expected, as a clear understanding of “atonement” reveals that it only provides for the covering of sins before God. Every year the High Priest had to come before God to offer the blood of a spotless innocent lamb to cover the sins of the nation from the past year. Atonement covered sins but it did not provide a recovery of

direct relationship with God. Paul told the Corinthians truly good news. Jesus came to reconcile us back to His Father.

The full understanding of “reconciliation” reveals the effect of Jesus, as the perfect Lamb of God, offering His blood to cleanse away all our sins; past, present and future. The sins are not merely covered, they are washed away and God declares us completely righteous when we put our trust in the redeeming work of Christ (Philippians 3:9). Atonement only provided a partial temporary reconciliation between God and man. Jesus provides complete and permanent reconciliation to His Father for anyone who accepts Him as Savior.

Colossians 1:21, 22

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—

Where condemnation was the man’s due from God, now God acquits and enjoys fellowship with the man. This is more than simply being okay now. This person is now in a favorable position with God. He was not innocent, he was a sinner. Now he is honored and promoted to the position of a son due to the work of Christ. All the promises, blessings and graces of God are fully available to the redeemed and justified person through Christ’s finished work of reconciliation.

IMPORTANCE OF THE BLOOD

Hebrews 9:1, 6-9, 11, 12

1 Then indeed, even the first *covenant* had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary.

6 Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing *the services*. 7 But into the second part the high priest *went* alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and *for the people’s sins committed* in ignorance; 8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. 9 It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience—

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. (Underlining added)

By His blood Christ obtained eternal redemption for us. Eternal means before time began and after time is complete. When you are born again you are transferred from the timeline of your history and mortal future into God's eternity which exists outside of time. By faith you are redeemed from all sin; before the first sin of Adam and after the last sin committed prior to the judgment seat of Christ (Revelation 20:11-15).

Hebrews 10:9, 10, 14-22

9 then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. **10** By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. **15** But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, **16** "This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," **17** *then He adds*, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." **18** Now where there is remission of these, *there is* no longer an offering for sin.

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, **20** by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, **21** and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, **22** let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. (Underlining added)

By His blood we can enter now into the Holy of Holies and approach the throne of God to be received by God the Father. This is reconciliation between God and man by the blood of Jesus. This is what is meant by reconciliation.

COMPARE: OBEDIENCE AND HEALING OR FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

In the Old Covenant sins could be covered for one year by the sacrifices offered by the High Priest as he entered the Holy of Holies. In addition to this God declared Himself to be their healer as they obeyed and followed Him. If they obeyed perfectly they would never be sick.

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."

He also linked forgiveness of sins with physical healing as a benefit of the covenant.

Psalm 103:2, 3

- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:**
- 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,**

Now in the New Covenant sin is cleansed and washed away by one offering for sin. Once for all Jesus poured out His blood on the mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant in the Heavenly Holy of Holies.

We have a new and better covenant (Hebrews 8:6) with better promises. And guess what. Healing is part of this New Covenant just as it was in the Old Covenant. Yet this is a better covenant not a weaker, poorer covenant. The blood of Jesus accomplished forever what the blood of bulls and goats could only cover for a year at a time. We have a perfect and holy High Priest Who offered His own blood and God is forever satisfied because Jesus' blood was offered without sin. Do you agree the New Covenant is better than the old? Healing was included in the Old Covenant. Why would it not be included in the new?

Our sins are forever cleansed. That includes the effects of the sins of our fathers upon us for Jesus hung on the tree to become a curse for us. All generational curses are cancelled by the blood of Jesus. The sins which caused generational curses are forgiven. Your sins of fear, pride, greed, lust and unbelief are forgiven. However, we cannot forget that this would not be true without the blood of Christ. Without blood there is no remission of sin (Hebrews 9:22). Without blood there is no reconciliation.

When you accept Christ as Savior, you accept a perfect eternal sacrifice for your sins which is able to make you perfect and holy before God (Hebrews 10:14; Colossians 1:22).

SALVATION INCLUDES HEALING

Isaiah 53:4, 5

- 4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**
- 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.**

In verse 4 the word "borne" can mean in this case "to carry away." The word "grief" in English is more properly translated, "sicknesses, weaknesses of the body

and distresses of the soul and flesh.” To validate that this refers to Jesus look at this New Testament verse.

Matthew 8:16, 17

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, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

**“He Himself took our infirmities
And bore *our* sicknesses.”**

Verse 16 is about Jesus casting out evil spirits and healing all that were sick. It creates the context for verse 17 which points back to Isaiah 53:4, declaring the healings of verse 16 to be a partial fulfillment of this prophecy. Jesus took our bodily weaknesses and carried away our sicknesses.

Now we look at Isaiah 53:5 above. Here we see the “reconciliation.”

He was wounded for our acts of sin. He was bruised for our iniquities. Iniquities are the roots of those acts of sin. We have evil thoughts and attitudes in our hearts. He was crushed by the weight of these. The word “bruised” comes from the Hebrew word *daka* (1792 in Strong’s). It means “to beat in pieces, bruise, crush, destroy, humble, oppress or smite.” If your sin weighs heavy on you, imagine the weight of all human sin. Jesus was literally crushed by the weight of the sin of mankind. We were guilty, but He took our sin upon Himself to reconcile us to the Father.

He was afflicted with sickness, disease, infirmities and destructions of the body; as every stroke of the metal imbedded in the leather lashes tore into His flesh. He was afflicted by man. A man flung the lashes at Him, not God. Why? It was man’s sin that brought death and destruction into the world. As these lashes struck His body every sickness, every disease, everything that tears the flesh was put on Jesus. But He gladly carried the weight of that sin, as well as the cross to Calvary.

He paid the price then and there so that we could be healed. And no one has to pay that price again! Reconciliation now is once for all who will believe.

2 Corinthians 5:19, 21

19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Again, in Isaiah 53:5, we see that God links the removal of our sin with the healing of our bodies. **“He was bruised for our iniquities . . . and with His stripes we are healed.”**

It’s interesting that we read **“by His stripes we are healed.”** Yet Peter said in **1 Peter 2:24 “by His stripes we were healed.”** Peter knew and wrote by the Spirit of God and by experience that our healing is a pre-accomplished work. Jesus finished our salvation on Calvary and salvation included our healing. He is not healing us today. We are pressing past our unbelief to receive what He has already (2,000 years ago) purchased for us. Salvation and healing are both finished works.

1 Peter 2:24, 25

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.

25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



BOTH SALVATION AND HEALING ARE PAID FOR

Not all people receive salvation to Heaven though we know it is paid for in the blood of Christ. Likewise, not all receive healing though we know it is paid for in the stripes Jesus bore on His back.

Therefore, 1 Peter 2:25 describes us as sheep who were going astray. We were lost on the hills and vulnerable to wolves and disease. But now we have returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. We need our minds renewed by the word

of God. But this does not occur by reading God's word with our natural minds (1 Corinthians 2:14). It occurs as we read it by the Holy Spirit. Without the Spirit it is merely a dead letter (2 Corinthians 3:6). We need the Holy Spirit to quicken the word to us as divine revelation and then we will know the life of His word (John 6:63). Jesus will shepherd and oversee the renewing of our minds that we might prosper and be in health even as our souls prosper (3 John 2) and prove what is that good, pleasing and perfect will of God for our lives (Romans 12:2).

JESUS LINKS FORGIVENESS OF SIN WITH HEALING OF BODIES

Can you see that Isaiah 53:5 and 1 Peter 2:24 talk about both sin and sickness and that Christ is the answer to both at one time? And **in neither case does He rely upon the righteousness of man.** It is His righteousness which allowed Him to make reconciliation for our sin and our sicknesses. The only requirement for us to receive what He has paid for is faith.

If God does rely upon our righteousness to save us – we understand Ephesians 2:8 to mean God is not waiting for us to be good enough to save us – or to heal us. Now that we understand that salvation includes healing for our bodies, **we can stop trying to be good enough to be healed.**

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God,*

Matthew 9:22 (KJV) But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her he said, "Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole." And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Incidentally, the word "saved" in Ephesians 2:8 and the phrase "made you whole" in Matthew 9:22 come from the same Greek word, because Jesus links forgiveness and healing.

Not only is this evident in Isaiah 53:5 but also in Psalms 103:3, which we looked at earlier.

Psalm 103:3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.

God linked them together in the Old Covenant and Jesus demonstrated they are linked together in the New Covenant.

Matthew 9:2-7

2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.” **3** And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!” **4** But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? **5** “For which is easier, to say, ‘*Your* sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? **6** “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.” **7** And he arose and departed to his house.

In the time when Jesus walked the earth as the Son of Man the disease, palsy (KJV), that crippled this man was generally thought of as directly linked to sin. In their minds this man would have to prove full repentance before he would be a candidate for healing.

If you are healed, you are forgiven.

If you are forgiven, you can be healed: now!

When Jesus healed this man He demonstrated clearly that He had the power to forgive sins. He also made it clear to us that forgiveness and healing are linked together. If someone gets healed of any sickness, any related sin has been forgiven by God.

James 5:15 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.

This verse is not only useful to further demonstrate the link between forgiveness and healing, it also is useful to launch us into the last part of this teaching. As I hinted at in an earlier verse the word “saved” in this verse also can mean “healed.” I think you would agree that actually seems a more fitting translation in this case.

The Greek word I am referring to is “sozo.”

SOZO SALVATION

The definition of *sozo* in Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance is: to save, deliver or protect – heal, preserve, do well, be (made) whole. In Vine’s Dictionary of New Testament Words the word *sozo* takes most of a page to define. In short form it means salvation for the body, soul and spirit at the moment of salvation. By the use of this word we understand that the provision of God for our salvation through the redeeming work of Jesus includes:

- Salvation from spiritual death through the forgiveness of sin.
- Salvation from physical destructions through healing the body.
- Deliverance from every evil that torments and hinders the soul.

In the following verses of scripture the word *sozo* is used for salvation of each area of the person.

1. The spirit of man is saved from sin.

Matthew 1:21 “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Acts 2:47 . . And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

2. The soul is delivered from demonic influence or control.

Luke 8:36 They also who had seen *it* told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.

3. The body is healed of afflictions.

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

James 5:15 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.

Can you see that Jesus used care in the selection of this Greek word? *Sozo* speaks of all three aspects of our need for salvation in one statement, “be made whole.” So in this one word is expressed salvation for body, soul and spirit.

In the next lesson we will discuss whether or not it is God’s will to heal in any particular case.

Study Assignment 1

Answer these questions for yourself to help you lock in the knowledge gained. We suggest you also ask the Holy Spirit to imprint on your heart what is most important for your life from this study.

What is reconciliation?

How is reconciliation achieved for each of us?

How has God provided healing for us?

Why did Jesus emphasize forgiving sins of people who came to Him for healing?

What is important about the Greek word “sozo”?

HEALING IS GOD'S WILL

James 5:15 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.

WHY DO WE THINK HEALING IS NOT GOD'S WILL?

There are as many various reasons as there are unique situations and modes of thought. One thing is for sure, the firm expectation in faith that God will heal is not normal in the church. Many believe it passed away with the first disciples because once they were gone it occurred less and less. Since then we have centuries of failure to receive healing. That is a huge block to our faith. It is like a mountain in the way of our view of paradise. Is it really there? Only those who cross the mountain know for sure. When history and personal experience conspire together against faith it is hard for a reasoning mind to ignore those and lay hold of God's word. But what is our source of information to determine truth?

Who do we depend on for our Health?

- In 2000, USA Today conducted a study asking people where they got their advice about health:
 - 53% Doctors
 - 24% Magazines
 - 7% Radio
 - 5% from relative or friend
 - 5% from books
 - 4% from school courses
 - 2% from a pharmacist

Jesus is not even mentioned... Have we forgotten....Jesus is the way, truth, and Life!

Matthew 17:19, 20

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for 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.

That USA Today study reveals the size of the mountain of unbelief we face. Our great hope is in the word of God which can give us "mustard seed faith." When that faith rises in our hearts we can say to this mountain, "Booh!" It will go wherever we tell it to go.

When new believers read the scripture, one of several things happens. Those who have been taught and raised in the church only expect what they have witnessed in church. If they get excited about healing and try it, too often healing does not occur. Then they ask why. Human reasoning that has prevailed in the church for centuries persuades them to not expect too much.

Those new believers who have no church history read the accounts of healing and that these signs shall follow believers, so they pray for people. If their first efforts are in the church, usually nothing happens and then they get taught that it all passed away. The first six months after I received Christ I was in a church that did not believe healing was for today and the gifts of the Spirit passed away with the Apostles. Fortunately, I was ordering salvation tracts from many companies to compare and see which ones were good to hand out to unbelievers. Some of those were produced by ministries that had witnessed God heal many different diseases and health issues. From these tracts I learned early that it was God's will to heal.

We are equally blessed that today there are new believers praying for healing outside the church for nonbelievers. God has often taken hold of bold faith and healed many. In some cases the new believer shares his testimony and gets encouraged to go on and a fire starts. However, too often the enthusiasm is smiled upon, and then warnings not to expect more are followed by teachings that have prevailed in a powerless church for too long. Some never see the same power for healing. But the good news today is that healing is occurring in so many places around the world that the chances of their being encouraged to believe God's will in the matter are greater than in a long time. Thank God for the internet.

What I just described is centuries of failure (history) explained away by human reasoning, resulting in wrong teaching on this subject in the church.

In the minds of some, God has raised up medical science to fill the void. I agree that God uses doctors. He has in my life. But this is a poor substitute for what the church expected and walked in as normal faith in the first century. One clue ought to startle us awake. Those who teach God no longer heals cannot use scripture. And it should be obvious to an honest mind that those who teach against healing with scripture must twist the word of God and ignore the weight of evidence to the contrary in the Bible.

Romans 12:2 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.

Will we continue to conform to the world and the world's effects on the church? Or will we yield to God's will as revealed in scripture so we can be transformed by the renewing of our minds according to God's word? Then as we understand God's will to heal we can prove that His will is not evil; it is always good, pleasing and perfect for our benefit and for His glory.

HOW WE KNOW HEALING IS HIS WILL

Matthew 9:33, 34

33 And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" 34 But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

Jesus was destroying the works of the devil. They had never seen it like this in Israel before because devils were never cast out in Israel and healing had not occurred since the prophets. The religious leaders should have been able to pray God's will for healing, yet they could not. Unbelief was more powerful than faith in God's word. So what were the Rabbis and Masters teaching? They were not teaching faith. What we see today is that ministries that believe God no longer heals, seldom or never experience healing in their ministries or personal lives.

Ministries that believe God no longer heals, seldom experience healing in their ministries.

1 John 5:14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

What is His will? His will is that we pray in faith!

Ministries that believe God heals but also believe it is not always God's will to heal, have only a few more healings occur than those who teach God no longer heals.

What kind of prayer heals the sick? The prayer of faith. Does it take any faith to pray, "If it is Your will, Lord, please heal this person"? No! Faith is not required to pray that way. Yet, if you say with your mouth, "Be healed!" and believe in your heart, you will have what you say, according to Mark 11:23, 24.

Ministries that believe it's not always God's will to heal, have only a few more healings occur.

In the only case in scripture where the question of whether or not it is His will to heal, Jesus answered that it is His will.

Matthew 8:2, 3

2 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” 3 Then Jesus put out *His* hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Much more compelling than that is the demonstration of His will. Everyone who ever came to Jesus for healing was healed. Everyone who ever came to Jesus with demons was delivered. Every leper was cleansed. He made the leper whole who alone of the ten returned to thank Him. And He raised sons and daughters from the dead. God wills all people to be healed!

1 Timothy 2:3–4 (NAB)

³ This is good and pleasing to God our savior,⁴ who wills everyone to be saved [*healed*] and to come to knowledge of the truth.

The word “saved” above is from the Greek word “sozo” which means “saved, healed, delivered and made whole.”

Incidentally, the only time we should ever wonder about God’s will, is when we are praying about jobs or where to live or what we will do in the future; not about whether or not to pray for someone to receive salvation – which includes healing.

James 4:13-15

13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; 14 whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you *ought* to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.”

HUMAN EXPERIENCE OR GOD’S WILL?

Matthew 17:14-21

14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15 “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. 16 “So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.” 17 Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not

cast it out?” 20 So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for 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. 21 “However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

Here is a case where the church of the last 1700 years might have decided, “It must not be God’s will to heal this boy.” Then Jesus came and demonstrated that man’s conclusions about the will of God are most often wrong.

Look around. When ministers come to know it is always God will to heal, healing increases in their ministries and more souls are saved. All the great healing evangelists believed one thing in common which led to their success. Sickness is from the devil. Healing is from God (John 10:10). They had a critical fact straight which many today are confused about. God is good. The devil is bad. These facts ought to get us thinking. Add the facts that healing is included in the propitiation and that the words “saved”, “healed”, “delivered” and the phrase “made whole” often come from the Greek word “sozo,” which includes all four in its definition. Whether you are convinced or not, I will sleep well tonight. I have declared the truth.

When ministers come to know it is always God will to heal, healing increases in their ministries.

The facts I’ve mentioned so far are enough to convince me that it is His will to heal. What about you? “So be it unto you according to *your* faith.”

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

Jesus proved by His words and His actions it is always God’s will to heal. His instructions to His disciples never included any alternatives. He never said, “If someone comes with this disease, or says this to you.” He gave them no reason or excuse to hold back.

Instead He gave them power and authority over all devils and to cure diseases. And He sent them to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. They did just that!

Luke 9:1-6

1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. **2** He sent them to preach the

kingdom of God and to heal the sick. 3 And He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. 4 “Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. 5 “And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” 6 So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

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

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. Concerning healing there is no indication that He ever changed His mind. He never will!

The Prayer of Faith

James 5:15 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.

The prayer of faith that saves, delivers, heals and makes the sick whole can only be a prayer of faith as the one praying is certain he is praying according to God’s will. Whenever you pray for the sick, pray with this certainty and something will happen.

What is the prayer of faith? It is not begging God to heal. That requires no faith. It is not saying, “If it be Your will.” That requires no faith and does not really expect an answer. Jesus demonstrates the prayer of faith clearly in Mark 11:23.

Mark 11:23, 24

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 be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴ “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.**

The prayer of faith speaks to the mountain and tells it, “**Be removed and cast into the sea.**” It is not asking God to move the mountain. Jesus said, “**For assuredly, I say to you . . .**” He really means this. He wants us to take confidence in what He says next, “. . . **whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed . . .’ and does not doubt . . . but believes those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.**” That’s powerful.

So what does a prayer of faith sound like? “Pain and disease; go!” “Body, be healed!” What does a prayer of faith look like? You begin to do what you could not do. If you could not walk, you stand to your feet and walk.

Some people get confused when they read in verse 24, **“whatever things you ask when you pray . . .”** And they interpret that as begging God. The Greek word used here may also be translated “desire” or “require.” However, Jesus had just described what asking in faith sounded like. He said to say to the problem, **“Be removed and cast into the sea.”** What Jesus means by the Greek word He used appears to be closer to “require” than “ask.” He is not teaching us to say, *“Jesus, would you please heal?”* He already healed everyone over 2,000 years ago.

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.

Our healing is paid for. He wants us to act like it is ours now. He gave us authority to cure disease (Luke 9:1). It is time we act like we believe His word!

Begging partners with unbelief.

Speaking in authority to the mountains in our lives partners with faith. And it is His will that every mountain of unbelief be removed. It is always God’s will to heal. What are you partnering with?

Hebrews 13:20, 21

20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

Take note of some comments made by Bill Johnson of Bethel Church in Redding, California. “Sickness is to the body what sin is to the soul. People say, “I’m sick because God is teaching me something.” God does not put sickness on us any more than He causes us to sin. He does not do either. Because we put whether or not we are healed over in the realm of God’s sovereignty, it means we have no responsibility to believe. It’s an escapist perspective. It’s a cop-out. If you are gifted to play the piano, you still have to develop the talent through discipline. Though miracles are the right and privilege of every believer, the gifts of the Spirit must also be developed through discipline.” (Mark 16:17, 18)

Study Assignment 2

Answer these questions for yourself to help you lock in the knowledge gained. We suggest you also ask the Holy Spirit to imprint on your heart what is most important for your life from this study.

Why does the church believe healing is not God's will?

What do the teachings and actions of Jesus show us about God's will to heal?

What other evidence is there that healing is God's will?

When we pray for the sick, what is necessary for them to be healed?

AUTHORITY TO HEAL

When God created man and woman, He gave them authority over the earth.

Genesis 1:26 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.”

Psalm 115:16 The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD’s; but the earth He has given to the children of men.

Because Adam and Eve listened and believed what Satan said, the authority over the earth became his. Jesus came in the form of man but without sin. As a result that same authority over the earth transferred to Him. As the sacrifice Lamb He washed away our sin. Then was raised from the dead paving the way to bring us back to the Father and establish us as the rightful authorities over this world.

Isaiah 9:6, 7

6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7** Of the increase of *His* government and peace *there will be* no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Jesus is God but He walked this earth as a man. As the sinless Son of Man Jesus had all authority but did not receive the power He operated in till He was baptized in the Holy Spirit when He allowed John to baptize Him (**Matt 3:13-17**). All the authority and power that He demonstrated was given to Him by His Heavenly Father.

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.”

Then Jesus gave that authority and power and the ability to defeat all the works of the enemy to His disciples.

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.

Today we need to realize that the same authority and power that Jesus and the disciples walked in has been given to us.

2 Peter 1:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

The same power that raised Jesus from the dead works in us so that the power of God might be magnified to others to bring Glory to God through us.

Ephesians 1:19-22

19 and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church,

Because God has given you the power and authority over this earth and victory over the enemy He will not step in and minister in power and authority for you. He waits for you to come into agreement or speak His will into this earth. Then He moves on our behalf. God commands us to go and bring the Kingdom of God to others. When healing manifests in a person's life, then the Kingdom of God has come upon that person.

Matthew 10:7, 8

7 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

When we look into the Word to see how Jesus ministered to the sick or those possessed with demons, He did not pray for them but took authority over the spirit and spoke the healing Word. He spoke God's truth. Now He wants us to speak to the mountains in our lives.

Sometimes the mountain (problem, sickness etc) moves immediately; sometimes at a later time. We don't always know when our healing will come. That is why we must stand upon what God says in His Word no matter what our bodies tell us. When Jesus spoke to the fig tree, the fullness of the Word was seen the next day - 24 hours later.

Mark 11:12-24

12 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. **13** And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. **14** In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard *it*. **15** So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. **16** And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. **17** Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'" **18** And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching. **19** When evening had come, He went out of the city. **20** Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. **21** And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away." **22** So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. **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 be done, he will have whatever he says. **24** "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.

Though it was the next day before they saw the fig tree completely dried up, something started to happen immediately when Jesus cursed the fig tree.

Matthew 21:18-22

18 Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. **19** And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away. **20** And when the disciples saw *it*, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?" **21** So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. **22** "And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

God's promises are in His Word. They are ours. And when we believe those promises and take them into our hearts as our own, then they become our reality.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

Hebrews 6:12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Physical healing of our bodies is God's will for our lives. So to speak healing over yourself or others is always God's will. That is why Jesus took the stripes upon His back, for by His stripes we are healed.

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.*

Matthew 8:16, 17

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, **17** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore *our* sicknesses."

Mark 16:17, 18

17 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; **18** "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."

James 5:14, 15

14 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. **15** 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.

Condemnation Separates You From God

When we walk in condemnation, we don't have confidence (trust or faith) in God. (1 John 3:21) We don't feel worthy to receive anything from God.

1 John 3:18-24

18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. **19** And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. **20** For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. **21** Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. **22** And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. **23** And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. **24** Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

This is condemnation: when you are the one trying to be good enough to receive from God. It is you trying to be righteous in your own strength. You cannot be

good enough. Christ is your righteousness (your goodness). When you try to be good without Him, it puts you under the law and not under grace.

Romans 3:12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable;

There is none who does good, no, not one.”

Philippians 3:9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

Don't allow condemnation to rob you of the promises of God. Step onto the pathway of surrendering your life to God. As a believer, you are already righteous in Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Paul said we are not under the law, but under grace. Grace is the ability of God working in your life to do the things you should do.

1. Come into God's truth. You are righteous in Christ. You cannot make yourself righteous. You must die to yourself. God does all this in you.
2. Stop trying to be good. Give God the responsibility for your life. If you sin, repent and believe what God's says:

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.

3. Stop looking at what you have done wrong and look at what God has done. Praise Him.
4. Love empowers our faith. Love grows in your heart as you walk this path (when you fail and when you move forward). Love keeps you, not the law.

As His love grows in you, you grow in Grace!

To walk into His promises condemnation must go. You must believe in your heart what God says. Trust Him.

Death and life 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.

If you are sick, take your authority and verbally command your body to line up with the Word of God.

- Curse the disease or sickness at the roots
- Speak life to your body
- Praise God for what He has done

Remember that healing is in the blood covenant of Jesus Christ. And He never breaks covenant.

Psalm 89:34 My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

Study Assignment 3

Answer these questions for yourself to help you lock in the knowledge gained. We suggest you also ask the Holy Spirit to imprint on your heart what is most important for your life from this study.

Who did God give authority over the earth to and when?

Who has legal authority over the earth today and how was it gained?

Where does the power to heal come from?

Through whom does the power to heal flow through today?

How does condemnation prevent a believer from receiving the promises?

What is God's answer to condemnation?

HEALING FOR BELIEVERS

Matthew chapter 8 is a wonderful chapter to study on the subject of healing. There is much to see there. Let's look at a couple of points of interest.

Matthew 8:2, 3, 5-10, 13

2 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." 3 Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

5 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." 7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 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. 9 "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*." 10 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!"

13 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. (Underlining added)

Jesus was not afraid of touching the leper. He knew He would not be defiled. In the Old Covenant if you touched a leper, you became unclean. In the New Covenant if a believer touches a leper, the leper becomes clean. This is good news of the victory of Christ over the curse.

Another point; for healing to occur, in most cases, Jesus had to touch the sick person. Healing was in His hands. That was wonderful enough. Then Jesus met a Roman who had faith at a higher level. He did not need Jesus to come lay His hand on his servant. He said, "**Only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.**" Jesus was amazed at this level of faith. He called it "**great faith**". He had not seen faith like this among the Jewish believers.

What I like about these incidents is that Jesus meets us where we are. If it was necessary for Jesus to lay His hands on someone for them to be healed, He did so. But if a person could receive healing by a spoken word alone, then Jesus spoke and the person was healed. We are seeing in meetings today, that we only have to speak the word and people are being healed. Paul could see that level of faith on a man as he preached in Lystra.

Acts 14:8-10

8 And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. **9** *This* man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, **10** said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

God requires faith if we are to receive anything from Him. In some cases the people who received what they came for had great faith. Often in the Gospels we read Jesus telling people "**according to your faith, be it unto you,**" (Matthew 9:29). People can receive from God as faith arises in their hearts. I and my wife have received healing this way. But other times we have been healed because someone else had faith.

James 5:14, 15

14 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. **15** 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.

In the cases James refers to, the people did not have sufficient faith to be healed on their own. James instructs them to call for the elders of the church. When they come to pray in faith, the sick will be healed. Someone must have faith for healing to occur. Yet it does not have to be the one receiving prayer. Many that Jesus healed did not even know who He was.

Once faith is in place healing can be very simple and uncomplicated. Notice that Jesus did not pray for healing. He did not close His eyes. He simply spoke healing words over people or told them it would be even as they believed.

He ministered healing many different ways. He spat on the ground and put mud on one man's eyes. He touched people. He rebuked or cast out demons and healing occurred. He commanded people to do things they could not do and as they made the attempt they discovered they were healed. He agreed with the faith he saw in some who came and they were healed. In one case He did nothing, but as He walked through a crowd a woman touched His garment and was healed. He spoke a healing word, as above, and it was enough. And often He healed by His faith alone.

In the last teaching I described a mountain of unbelief that has developed in the church because of wrong teaching and centuries of failure to receive healing. Unbelief is a big obstacle in the church preventing a major move of God to the lost

world around us. The world needs to see that there is more power in the church than they see in occult groups, witch doctors and shamans. The power failure in the church is a disgrace to the name of Jesus. It is, however, the reason the ministry of healing is more fruitful toward non-believers than among believers. New young believers who have great success ministering healing in the market place become discouraged when they do not see healing within the church.

This is why we contend for God's will to bring healing back into the church so it becomes normal again among believers. As the church becomes healthy, the harvest fields will be filled with workers to bring in the great harvest.

Example of Healing Ministry to Believers

Let's look together at some simple prayers of faith that can bring healing back into the church. Now if you will, picture yourself in a meeting of believers in which you have been worshipping God in song. Either before or after the message, you stand up to minister healing. You may give a testimony of healing or read a healing verse of scripture. Then you ask those who want to be healed to repeat a simple phrase after you. *"My healing belongs to me because of what Jesus has done. I receive my healing now."*

As they speak these words, some may be healed immediately, or realize that God is touching them. Ask if anyone has noticed any change. When someone says, *"I am healed"* or *"I am better"* or *"I feel something happening,"* tell them Jesus is the One Who is healing/touching them. It is not you. This simple procedure actually works more readily outside the church with non-believers and results can be quick and dramatic. In such moments tell them it was Jesus. Then wait for the Spirit to direct you, if they are ready to receive Jesus.

Back to the church meeting. Speak to the pain (or other symptom), *"Pain (or name the other symptom) go! (Then name the body part, i.e.,) Leg, be healed!"* Then have one or all those standing test their bodies. Encourage those who are healed or 80% better to wave both hands. Count them and give praise to God.

Notice these short simple statements. Jesus and His disciples did not pray long complicated prayers. Short simple declarations of faith received powerful healings of the Holy Spirit. We encourage you to study the short commands or instructions of Jesus and His followers and the immediate results. Let's see how faith and our authority in Christ can lead to the good works of healing in a meeting.

Healing For Believers – Walk Through

Give a testimony of healing or read a healing Scripture. Like Ps 107:20

1. We expect healing to occur as we walk through this example. We'll do this together. Begin to ask God, Is there a word of knowledge?
2. In a meeting on an island, of the Lofoten islands of Norway, we taught "Healing Is Normal Again." As we gave words of knowledge healing occurred as people sat in their chairs or stood up and checked their bodies.

Check your bodies, even now.

3. When you hear a word of knowledge that to some degree applies to you, check your body. When you sense something happening in your body, like warmth or heat, tingling, electricity, peace, God's glory on you, even cold; raise your hand. When you sense you are 80% better, 80% less pain, 80% more mobility; stand and raise your hands.

Do you want to be healed of something today? Repeat after me. *"My healing belongs to me because of what Jesus has done. I receive my healing now."*

Check your body. Raise your hand if something is happening/changing? Jesus is the One Who is healing.

4. Now we are going to do some body ministry. If you still feel pain in your body, and are willing for others to pray for you, raise your hand or stand up, please.

The rest of you, while we are ministering, be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Write down anything you sense from Him no matter how weird it seems to you.

Now please, if you will, trust the Lord and go to one of these still standing. Then wait for me.

5. Now you are the ministers. So ask this question, *"Where is the pain in your body?"* Once they have answered, wait a moment.

As ministers, *"You will now pray at least three prayers to release healing. But first ask if it is alright to lay your hand on the place of pain, or some neutral spot like a shoulder."*

Now ministers, repeat these three prayers after me.

A. “Holy Spirit, come into this body and heal this person. Fix what is wrong. Cleanse this body, in Jesus name.”

Those of you with pain, check your bodies for three possibilities:

- a. “I’m better.”
- b. “I’m worse.”
- c. “There’s no change.”

Raise your hand if you felt something happen? You are a little better or a lot. Who would like to share? Anyone who is at least 80% better or completely well, raise both hands. (Count them.) You can sit down.

“Is anyone worse? Raise your hand.” / “That’s a good sign. We know what’s happening. You can be well soon.” God is working and we are working with Him. Thank Him for what He is revealing at this moment.

Remember, Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. Sometimes things get worse before getting better. This is good; demons are leaving. [**If there may be unbelievers in the group, shift to leading them in prayers of forgiveness of anyone involved in causing or not preventing their injury or illness.**]

B. Ministers touch the same place and say, “*I command any effects of the devil to leave.*” If the enemy causes more trouble, come against him in authority. Make any evil spirits leave.

If people have hard reactions in their body, command the spirits to leave without harm and without commotion or vomiting.

Check your bodies. Free? 80% better? Share? The same – continue.

Now ministers you will pray in a minute in authority. You will pause after each phrase allowing for affect. As soon as they express some affect, wave at me. I’ll want you to continue to say the same thing until they are better or improvement ceases.

Ministers have them look at you. Speak with confidence, “*Whatever is at work of the devil, I command it to cease!* – Pause - *I command evil spirits;*- Pause - *Go.* –

Pause - *I break generational curses.* – Pause - *I break off all word curses and even thought curses this person has against him/her self.* – Pause - *Holy Spirit come into these bodies and cleanse them from all demonic assignments.*”

Check your bodies. If the pain is gone or 80% less, let us know. (Count them.) You may sit down.

C. Now ministers using your authority in Christ, simply command pain to go, “Pain go! Body, be healed.” Have them check their bodies and report what’s happening. (No change? Name the body part, i.e.,) *Leg be healed!*” Have them test their bodies.

Anyone with no more pain or 80% better? Want to share? You may sit down.

D. Has anyone gotten a word of knowledge from the Holy Spirit to share? Don’t worry if it seems weird. It’s probably important. Don’t be bothered if it’s already been taken care of, or if it might have been useful earlier. This is training. [Check with Holy Spirit whether to use or move on.] Have people check their bodies. 80% better? Share?

E. Now for a follow-on step that sometimes is important. Ministers next to those still standing say, “Close your eyes. Ask the Lord to remind you of any person you have ever met. You can pray, ‘Holy Spirit, give me someone to think about.’”

[I may pray privately, Holy Spirit remind them of someone they need to forgive so they can be healed.]

Give them a moment. Then say, *“As soon as you have a name or see a face, raise your hand to let us know.”*

Say to them, *“Ask the Lord why He brought this person to your attention.” When you have an answer or you believe you know why, raise your hand to let us know.”*

As you see their hands realize that they, for personal reasons, may need to tell someone else who the Lord has brought to their attention - and why.

So you say, *“Tell me, or someone else around you, why the Lord brought this person to your attention.”*

Now to you who are receiving ministry, if the Lord gave you instructions to bless, or call, or help this person, praise God and follow Him.

However, we are praying for your healing, and usually, in this situation, the Lord's instruction will be to forgive this person. Normally, you do not ask a believer, "*Who do you need to forgive.*" They will likely not think of anyone because they know they are supposed to forgive everyone who has hurt them. They may have forgiven, yet there is still the need to forgive further. It may be the last issue or the last level of forgiveness.

Several times Jesus declared people forgiven before He declared them healed. Before He ascended to Heaven the last time, He told His disciples they had the power to forgive the sins of those they ministered to, just as He had done.

John 20:23 "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

You who are now standing to minister to the person in pain ask this question, "*Are you willing to forgive that person for what they did? If you are, say this, 'Father, You know the hurt I still feel. But today, with Your help, I give them a gift they don't deserve. I choose to forgive them for . . .'*" You fill in the blank.

Some of you may need to forgive yourselves. Some may need to forgive an animal or an object (tornado, black ice, wind shield, sharp object, etc.). Some may need to forgive God. Many people blame God. **Ministers assist them** to pray forgiveness of whoever (whatever) God has brought to mind.

Now pray cleansing prayers over the person. Like, "*You are forgiven. Holy Spirit come and cleanse this body.*"

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.

Check your bodies. Is the pain gone or 80% less? Warmth, tingling, peace, means the Holy Spirit is working.

Would someone like to share a testimony?

Praise God!

When There Is a Health Problem But No Present Pain

1. *“If you have a health problem with no pain or no obvious symptoms at this moment, please stand.”* (Like high blood pressure.) *“Those who are seated, go to one of these people. Ask if you can place your hand on the spot or on a shoulder.”*

Tell the ministering ones so say, *“Holy Spirit, come. Take away their . . .”*

Say to the people with the medical conditions, *“This is something you likely cannot measure. You may have to wait a few days to notice a change or till your next doctor visit.”*

Then say, *“Those of you who were prayed for, do you feel peace or warmth or tingling or healing? Are you feeling something?”* When people do not have symptoms, you look for evidence that the Holy Spirit is active with them.

2. **Command** demonic influence behind the symptoms to go. Cancel generational curses, word curses and demonic assignments. Speak out, *“Father, we lift off all curses and demonic assignments. Holy Spirit, come. Invade these bodies where health problems exist. Work a miracle, Lord Jesus.”*

3. **Continue on**, *“Holy Spirit, bring names or faces to their minds of anyone that is important at this moment.”*

Lead them in a prayer of forgiveness. Then speak out, *“I declare you forgiven. Father God, come and cleanse their bodies of this sickness or problem. Lord, we bless their hearts, their lungs, their backs, their limbs, their heads, their minds, their skin, their internal organs, (whatever the Lord leads you to bless) . . .”*

Resistance Is Overcome By Persistence

There is natural and spiritual resistance to the will of God. God’s will is resisted:

- By the devil - Strongholds in heavenly places are defeated in persistent intercession.
- By our flesh – Unbelief is defeated by persistent prayer coupled with fasting.
- By our culture – The world is overcome by persistently lifting up Jesus.

Matthew 7:7, 8

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 “For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Strongholds in heavenly places are defeated by persistent intercession for the will of God on the earth. The enemy battles the church with empty religious traditions which rob the word of God of power. The real thing only comes through real relationship with our God.

Mark 7:13 “making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

Human and religious traditions make of the word of God of no effect because we do not mix faith with the word of God when we hear it preached (Hebrews 4:2). To enter the promise we must mix faith with the word preached. Ask God for ears that hear. Mix faith with the word preached so it prepares you to hear the word He is speaking to you.

Then in prayer and intercession declare God’s will on the earth. Pray in tongues before God in times of private and corporate worship seeking God’s face for His answers and grace to implement them (faith in action). Expect Him to give you understanding of His will, His ways and His words to declare into the atmosphere. Declarations are like the prophetic words which were spoken in faith by the prophets. God used them to release the Word of God into the world as flesh and blood through a virgin birth. Declare the word God speaks to you.

Psalm 2:7 “I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’”

Job 22:28 You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; so light will shine on your ways.

Unbelief is defeated when fasting is coupled with prayer (Matthew 17:21). They bring the flesh under authority. Your flesh must be submitted to both your spirit and the Spirit of God.

The world is overcome as we lift up the name of Jesus by preaching, teaching and demonstrating God’s will in the earth. This is how we contend (Luke 10:9, 18). We do the will of God. In corporate meetings we sing, worship, declare and perform His word. Then we take it out to the world to reveal His love and passion for the lost by demonstrating it to them. How? By healing the sick and praying in

faith for His answers to problems people face every day. We pray until healing comes. We pray until answers to real dilemmas come.

The prayers and actions of persistent faith defeat the resistance of generations and centuries of apathy toward God's will. We are God's answer to the world as we live by faith in Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

This is the mindset of Paul's day that led to miracles and multitudes getting saved. This is the mindset we have needed and desperately need today; persistence.

Study Assignment 4

Answer these questions for yourself to help you lock in the knowledge gained. We suggest you also ask the Holy Spirit to imprint on your heart what is most important for your life from this study.

What element is required for healing to occur?

Where do we find this required element?

How does healing occur?

What effect can tradition have on the word of God?

How can persistence overcome resistance in your life?

HEALING FOR EVANGELISM

Planting Seeds of Love/Taken to the Streets

This session is about ministering to believers-to-be so that they learn of God's great love for them and are turned to Christ as Savior.

Galatians 4:3-7

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. **4** But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. **6** And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" **7** Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Ephesians 4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Before you begin to minister to others, first you need to understand who you are in Christ. Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the price to bring you back to the Father. When you accept Him into your life, you step into Christ. This means that you are forgiven, you are righteous, you are holy, and you are a son of God. This is *who* you are!

1 John 4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Who you are in Christ (forgiven, righteous, Holy, son) is not based on feelings but on the Word of God. Don't be moved by what people say but by what is in the heart of God about you. All rejection comes from the enemy.

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.

You can make the choice to live in the past and allow it to affect your life in the present. Don't live in those old wounds but see that old things are passed away. That old man is dead. He was crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20). Don't breath life back into that rotting corpse.

Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?

Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Romans 8:37-39

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 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.

Nothing can separate you from God and His love for you.

Matthew 10:7, 8

7 “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ 8 “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

All authority and power has been given to you to cast out demons, to heal the sick and raise the dead.

Mark 16:17, 18

17 “And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 “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 said that signs follow believers, so it is your faith that will rise up to see people step into their freedom.

In the story of the man at the pool of Bethesda, he did not know who healed him (John 5:2-13). We can see it was not his faith that healed him. It was the faith of Jesus.

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

Because your words are life and death, guard what you say. You get what comes out of your mouth. If your words agree with sickness, (“I’m getting the flu.”) you will get sick.

When Jesus was faced with sickness in someone’s body, He commanded that sickness to go. He did not pray to God but took His Authority and power over that sickness or the devil. He spoke to the mountain (problem, sickness etc.) to be removed. When you are faced with sickness in your body or someone else is, you have the authority and the power to command it to go.

Matthew 17:14-21

14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, **15** “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. **16** “So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.” **17** Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” **18** And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. **19** Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” **20** So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for 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. **21** “However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

When Jesus told the Apostles that their failure to cast out this spirit was because of their unbelief, He also told them how to overcome unbelief by prayer and fasting. Unbelief is the problem, not how big the demon is. Fasting with prayer helps us let go of unbelief and step into faith. God uses it to remind us who we are. We are His sons and daughters.

Sowing Seed

Mark 4:26-29

26 And He said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, **27** “and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. **28** “For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. **29** “But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Isaiah 55:11 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.

Every time you pray for someone you are imparting the kingdom into that person. So even if you don't see anything happen, know that God's Word has been cast upon the heart or planted within the heart of the person you have touched. As you trust God to send others to water the seed, He will bring forth the fruit.

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,

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

Healing is for all men because Jesus healed all that came to Him.

Luke 22:50, 51

50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. 51 But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

Even unbelievers can receive healing. God uses miracles to win the lost and He wants you to be that instrument to bring them into the Kingdom.

Romans 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

Remember this is not about you. You don't need to see them healed. It is for God's glory not yours. You don't need to lead them to Jesus at this time unless God tells you they are ready to receive Christ. This could be their first time to feel the touch of God on their life. Just tell them who healed them and let God do the rest. It is the goodness of God that leads them to repent. God is a big God and He can place other people in their path that will speak of His wonderful love. So be at peace and not under pressure to see them accept Jesus. Let God just use you the way He wants to. When He prompts you to say more, be obedient then and rejoice in what He does. They may get saved then, or be brought closer to that decision.

When someone is not healed, don't limit the kingdom by trying to figure out the reason why.

1 Timothy 2:3-6

3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

People are made in the image of God and Christ died for all men, They are all of great value to God. Don't forget that.

Releasing the Kingdom/Doing the Stuff

Talk to the people. Be friendly.

Ask what happened to them.

Ask to see their hand. Take hold of it.

Pray for the kingdom of God to touch them. Have them repeat, "My healing belongs to me because of what Jesus has done".

Ask if there is any change. Can they do what they could not do before ministering to them?

On a scale 1-5 (0 being no pain) what is the level of pain?

If there is no change:

Maybe pray again, if they are open to it.

If there is still no change, thank them for the *honor* it was for you to pray for them.

Tell them that you believe God will continue to touch them.

If they are healed:

Tell them, "It was Jesus Who healed you."

If the Spirit prompts you to say more, say what the Spirit gives you. You may be guided to lead them to Jesus right then.

Give all glory to Jesus!

Study Assignment 5

Answer these questions for yourself to help you lock in the knowledge gained. We suggest you also ask the Holy Spirit to imprint on your heart what is most important for your life from this study.

What is the truth you see so emphasized on page 34?

When symptoms of sickness appear what difference do your words make?

How are men led to repentance?

What does planting seeds mean?

CONTENDING FOR GOD'S WILL

Imagine for a moment that you are in a tall building waiting for an elevator to open. You have an appointment on an upper level floor in a few minutes. You know you have time to ride the elevator and be on time even if the elevator stops at several floors along the way. But you must get on the elevator this time around. Then the door opens and you see it looks full. Undeterred, you push in because you know there is room enough for you. You have just contended for space in the elevator. You contended according to your will to be on time for your appointment.

1 John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of 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."

What do we see in these scriptures? We see Jesus enforcing the will of His Father in the earth.

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."

Doing the will of His Father was not always easy. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed, **"O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless not as I will, but as You will."**

Then He went to His disciples to find them sleeping. He asked them, **"What, could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak."**

Jesus knew the weakness of His flesh. He was contending for the Father's will to be done on the earth. He was contending against His own flesh for the will of God. And He did it alone. He was the perfect sacrifice for our sin.

After He was crucified and rose from the dead He ascended to the Father to pour out His blood on the altar before God's throne. This completed the work that opened the way to the Holy of Holies for you and me.

Once that was done, He came back to earth for 40 days to encourage and instruct His disciples. Notice He did not come to earth, get His disciples and other

believers and take them all to Heaven. He left them here. But before He did He commissioned them to preach the Gospel to all nations. He gave them authority to perform their task and He promised that they would have power after the Holy Ghost had come upon them.

What does He intend? He intends for us as He intended for them to enforce His will on the earth wherever we go. Preach that the Kingdom of God is here. Heal the sick, cleanse the leper, raise the dead and cast out devils.

Jesus contended for the will of God on the earth and defeated the devil. But to do so He had to prevail over His own flesh. Now He sends us as the Father sent Him.

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

He sends us, but not without authority or power. He has all authority in Heaven and on earth and He has given us both authority in Luke 10:19 and made power available to us as we are baptized in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 1:8.

As God has given us authority on the earth to enforce His will, when His will does not occur, it is not His fault. The forces of darkness are perpetrating Satan's will of death and destruction. As God's ambassadors and the ones He gave authority over the earth to we are to contend for His will on the earth.

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."

Healing is always God's will. Jesus demonstrated that everywhere He went. As the Father sent Him, He has likewise sent us. As the Father empowered Him, Jesus has likewise empowered us. We are to contend for His will to heal the sick.

It will seldom happen with 10 second prayers. Sometimes that is enough, especially when the atmosphere is charged with faith and the anointing to heal is strong. But when those elements are missing, His will does not change. There are times we must contend for His will to heal, to cast out devils, to cleanse the leper (the AIDs victim) and to raise the dead.

One day healing may be easy as it was for the disciples. But until then we must contend against deception around us and unbelief in our own souls. Jesus is King! His kingdom is at hand. The violent take it by force.

Matthew 11:12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.”

Consider the following way of understanding this. One definition of “suffers violence” is people pushing their way in with their elbows. Picture yourself at that elevator door I spoke of earlier. You have to get to a higher level floor as soon as you can. The door opens and at first it looks full. But you see there is room enough for you and you cannot wait, so you quickly step forward and the people squeeze together to make room for you.

The Kingdom of God has plenty of room for you and you definitely want to get in and enjoy the good, pleasing and perfect will of God for your life in His kingdom. You are the forceful ones who see the kingdom is open to you and you claim the kingdom for yourself because you know you can. You can because Jesus has fully paid the price and He intends for you to be bold about it (Hebrews 4:16). He does not want you to let the devil talk you out of it. Step in. It is waiting for you.

Do not think that because the time from John the Baptist until the time Jesus made this statement has passed that He does not include this present age. That would be a mistake. He includes our time. That is why Jude wrote to his readers to contend for the faith that was once delivered to the Saints (Jude 3). That word “contend” means “to struggle for.”

Often we assume that because good things are not happening that there is nothing we can do about it. That is not true! When we know God’s will is to bless us and for us to be a blessing to those around us, we cannot just give up when we do not see our efforts bring forth blessings. We sometimes must contend for the will of God. The reason the earth is in the condition it is in today is because we either have not understood or have not contended for God’s will.

God gave man authority over this world and He has never taken it back. Adam gave it to Satan, but Jesus contended for God’s will. He did what it took to get it back for us (Matthew 28:18). Hallelujah!

**Psalms 115:16 The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD’s;
But the earth He has given to the children of men.**

Genesis 1:26, 28

26 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."

28 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."

***OUR FAILURES DO NOT INDICATE OR
CHANGE THE WILL OF GOD***

Matthew 17:14-21

14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15 "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. 16 "So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." 17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for 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. 21 "However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

The disciples could not cast the spirit out of this boy. Today we would have decided it must not be God's will. Then Jesus came and the boy's father told Him what had happened. Right then we find out that man's conclusions about God's will are often wrong. It is always God's will to heal. It is always God's will to undo the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). Our failures do not indicate or change the will of God.

We need to contend for the will of God. Let's not accept the devil's plan for our lives. Let's press in to God for His will.

The reason they could not cast the devil out was their unbelief. It was not the strength of the devil. The authority Jesus gave us is enough to cast out any devil. That's why Jesus told the disciples, **"if you have faith . . . nothing will be impossible to you."** The question was not how big the devil was. It was about faith and unbelief. Satan himself cannot stop a believer, who knows who he is in Christ.

Knowing who we are in Christ is the issue. So Jesus gave them the answer: fasting and prayer. This fasting mentioned here is the fasting of the Day of Atonement. It is fasting to allow God to show you what is in your heart. What is in our hearts that causes unbelief? Are you willing to find out?

When you fast, spend time before God. Open your heart to Him. You can trust Him.

**Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.**

Psalm 63: 5, 6

**5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness,
And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.**

**6 When I remember You on my bed,
I meditate on You in the *night* watches.**

Meditation is a useful form of prayer to link with fasting. You meditate with your heart and declare with your lips the will of God according to scripture. Get God's answer to the devil's work into your heart. Don't focus on what the devil has done. Focus on what God has said. Get that into your heart so that it is the word that is in abundance in your heart. That word needs to crowd out the devils word. You are preparing yourself for faith to cast out devils and heal the sick; to destroy the works of the devil.

Your fasting brings the flesh under control. Meditation establishes the authority of God's word over every other word. You are brought to the place of knowing you are a son of God (your identity) and you have authority (God's word). Then you turn to God for the word of faith He will speak. That word will propel you in faith to cast out any devil that opposes you. All you do is speak and do what God has spoken and shown to you.

So fasting and meditation is one way to contend for the will of God. This struggle for the will of God is not a struggle against demons so much, as it is a struggle against your own flesh. However, contending for the will of God also involves a pushing against darkness in the world around you. When Jesus healed the sick and cast out devils, which He did a lot, He was contending for God's will against Satan's will. Here our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the forces of darkness.

Ephesians 6:12 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*.

Please notice how Jesus instructed His disciples that brought about this kind of victory.

Luke 9:1, 2

1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 10:1, 9

1 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.

9 “And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

Luke 10:17-19

17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

18 And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

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.”

One important way to contend for the will of God is to do what He tells you. As they went where He told them to go and acted according to His will, the authority and power He had given them overruled the power of the enemy to the degree that Jesus witnessed Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Satan’s forces of darkness were losing the battle against the disciples as they preached the kingdom, cast out devils and healed diseases.

My wife and I have been in the meetings where demons were cast out and many were healed. I remember the reports of people who witnessed scars disappear from their bodies. One man’s leg was badly scarred top to bottom from a fire. The Lord healed him during the time of praise and worship. No one prayed for him, yet the skin on his leg was new; no scarring remained.

Many times my wife and I have prayed for people who were healed. But many more times we prayed and the people were not healed. This is a common thing among believers. There must be a determination to contend for the will of God to become normal in our lives and ministries.

Many who have strong healing ministries today started out knowing it was God's will to heal, so they prayed for the sick. Very few would be healed. Still they would pray for more and more. Many of them testify to this. When they started few were healed. But they kept on. Several said they made up their minds, "If I pray for a thousand and no one is healed, I will pray for another thousand." With this determination they contended for God's will. The results have been the same. Healings began to occur; just a few at first. But as they kept on, the healings occurred more often and they became more dramatic. Now there are reports of Multiple Sclerosis and Downs Syndrome being completely healed. There are many verified cases of people being raised from the dead.

I like one preacher's way of explaining this. He said it is like microwave popcorn. You put it in the microwave and wait. If you get discouraged because you hear nothing after 2 minutes, do not turn the microwave off. Let the power continue to flow. Soon you will hear one pop. If you do not hear another pop quickly, just wait. Then a second one pops. Soon two more pop. Then more pop and then more, faster and faster until the whole bag pops in the last minute.

Matthew 7:7, 8

7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

The Amplified Version says it this way: **7 "Keep on asking and it will be given to you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking (reverently) and (the door) will be opened to you. 8 "For everyone who keeps on asking receives, and he who keeps on seeking finds; and to him who keeps on knocking, (the door) will be opened."**

I like the way Bill Johnson explains this. "Whatever you need will be given to you. But much of what you want you will have to go after."

Healing is not only God's will every time; it defeats darkness and establishes the kingdom of God. It brings glory to God and reveals the truth of His love and goodness. Yet, if you want it to be normal in your life, and not just an occasional blessing, you will have to go after it. You will have to contend for God's will on the earth.

What is most important about this is that many are being saved as a result. They find out the devil lied about God. He is good. He does love them. He does want them. He is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). When God heals a

person it bypasses all the strongholds of the enemy in his mind. He cannot explain this to himself any other way than that there is a God and He just healed him. Atheists and Humanists and Moslems and out and out heathens give their hearts to Jesus and become sold out for Him. This is why this is so important. This is why it is God's will to heal everyone who comes, just as Jesus did and as His disciples did. He told them to go and heal the sick. He gave them the power. They found out they could. They rejoiced. Then they continued until so many were saved in Jerusalem the religious establishment tried everything they could to stop it. They could not. Why? It was God's will and He had some on the earth willing to contend for His will.

Does God have some on the earth willing to contend for His will to heal, deliver, cleanse lepers and raise the dead and lead souls to Jesus? I believe He does. You are among those who will contend for His will. Your city and your nation are blessed because you live there. And they will hear and see the glory of God manifest because you are contending for God's will in your life.

You may need to set yourself aside before God for some time to set your heart and will to obey His will for your life. Be certain of this. His will is good, pleasing and perfect for you and always will be. And you can know His will as you seek His face and keep on seeking. You will find!

Romans 12:2 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.

Colossians 1:9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

WAYS PEOPLE GET HEALED

Here are several different ways that my wife and I have received or ministered healing. This is only our experience. God may heal you in very different ways than we have received. We pray that sharing our experiences will encourage you in faith to receive healing from the Lord.

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.

Ephesians 1:18-20

18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

1. Reading the Word

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Debby:

Allergies and Asthma

I had allergies for many years. I was allergic to dust and cats. Dust is something you can never get away from and I had nine cats. I had taken pills and shots; used nose sprays and put air filters in the air vents but all this could only keep my allergies under control. I was told not to expect a cure. If I did not take the medication my eyes would water, I would sneeze non-stop and have trouble breathing. Without medication I could have an asthma attack. In my head I understood that healing was promised in the word of God, but the revelation had not become real to me. One day I was reading the word and the verse below came alive to me; that healing was mine.

Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

I understood that God's Word had invaded my heart and spoken the truth of what Jesus had done for me. The word came alive to me according to Hebrews 4:12 above.

I heard the Lord say, "You are healed; now walk in it." I knew then that I could throw my medication away because of what God had said. Never stop taking your medication based on what man says but on what God says. For two weeks the enemy would come at night to put the sickness back on me. When the enemy first came I could not breathe and was overcome with fear. At that very moment I felt the Lord and heard Him say, "Rebuke the enemy and stand in the authority I have given you." Right then I knew God was with me and the enemy had been defeated. Still night after night I would wake up in the darkest hours and could not breathe. For a moment I would struggle but then I would remember God's word to me and I would feel His presence. Once I declared my healing and took authority over the enemy, my breathing became easy and sleep returned. I knew that to keep my healing, I had to stand my ground and declare the Word over my body till it fully manifested in my body. Each time the attack came I would claim my healing and rebuke the enemy. After two weeks the enemy knew my resolve was set and I would not give in. From that time onward I was free from all my allergies.

2. Gift of Healing

1 Corinthians 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

Kevin:

Two Healings

These two healings are related by time in a peculiar way and yet separated in time by years. In my second year as a believer, 1976, I was at our usual Sunday morning service when the pastor felt a strong anointing for gifts of healing. I do not remember a lot about the service. I do remember faith rising within me to receive healing in my body. I had recently been diagnosed with two different permanent conditions. One explained why I was having so much pain and trouble swallowing. They simply said it was a motor response problem between my brain and my throat. The doctor told me I would have to learn to live with it. The second was a prostate condition the doctor said would necessitate several treatments each year for the rest of my life.

As the pastor called people to come up for healing I was focused on my swallowing problem and had not even thought about the other. When I went forward I felt the power of God touch me as the pastor laid his hands on me. He did not pray over me. He simply laid his hands on me and went to the next person. I expected to have no more problems swallowing. Yet my swallowing did not improve at all. Instead, from that day to this I have never had any more prostate problems. In that brief moment God completely healed my prostate. I was very glad because the treatment was very embarrassing.

1 Corinthians 12:9 mentions gifts of healings and that is what I received in the anointing of that service, a gift of healing. And it was a miracle, for it happened in a brief second. But it was not the working of miracles as in verse 10. This was a gift of healing in the anointed flow of the Holy Spirit. This is what people most often think of when gifts of healings are spoken of. I have been healed many times, but seldom has it been in this way. There are many ways that healing occurs. You may have been waiting for God to heal you and have been prayed for many times with no results. That can be very discouraging. It is for this reason we write. God has a plan for your healing and He wants you to have it. So let us share some more. And you start praying for the Lord to show you how He intends to release healing to you.

3. Speaking the Word

Mark 11:22-26

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 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 be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. 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. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

By your words - prophesy to yourself - you are healed.

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Matthew 8:8 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."

To continue from the previous section; I kept praying for God to heal me of the problem with swallowing and went up for prayer often. Yet for years nothing changed. Over those years I began to learn how to hear God speak to me. In the early 1990's as I would be on the road in my car I practiced listening to the Lord. I would ask Him for His plan to heal my swallowing problem. I would always hear the same answer, "I have healed you." **1 Peter 2:24** says, "**By His stripes we were healed.**" I assumed He was referring to that past tense reference. But that did not help me. Then He would remind me of Mark 11:23-24. And I knew He wanted me to speak my healing. He would tell me, "Whenever you experience the symptom, declare My word." He wanted me to declare my healing whenever I felt pain while swallowing or experienced problems with the swallowing function. This happened so frequently that it provided many opportunities for me to obey His word. So I started. However, I still did not notice significant improvement.

I asked the Lord if it was really He who spoke those instructions to me. The Lord then began to challenge me to trust Him to say this in front of people who knew I had this problem. He even told me to say it in front of the church the next time I opened a service. This brought up all the fears of looking like a kook. "Oh, no. Kevin's becoming a religious nut." I was afraid I would not get better and everyone would see me struggle to swallow at church social gatherings. I tried to bargain with God, but He did not change His plan for me.

Finally, I agreed with God. I told the men in a prayer meeting and then the whole church as I opened a Sunday evening meeting. Still, there was not an immediate and complete healing. However, the healing process had started and I kept speaking His healing word each time the symptom occurred. The problem decreased and decreased until now, it may happen once or twice in a year when fear enters my heart about something. This is not my favorite testimony of healing because it may still occur. But I am so glad I trusted His instructions. After years and years of pain and discomfort every day while eating or drinking, now I am near the end of this problem. In fact, it happens so rarely, I forget about it for long periods of time.

I remember what the Lord told me, "I have healed you." And then, "Speak your healing." Revelation 19:10 declares, "The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy." When you agree with God and declare your healing, you are declaring the finished work of Jesus and prophesying your victory. The testimony of Jesus is that He has saved you, healed you and set you free." Why not use your mouth and prophecy by His Spirit that you are free? You will begin to position your heart to walk in faith.

This healing occurred progressively. It was not the way I had come to expect God to heal. Sometimes I complained to God about it. Yet when I turned to Him in faith, He always gave me the same answer. The more I spoke my healing in faith the more it progressed. And when I declared it to others it progressed more quickly. The more faith my declaration of healing required, the more progress I experienced. According to my faith, so it has been unto me.

Why did He not heal me instantly of both conditions in 1976? He not only wants me well, He wants me to stand on His word and His word alone. It is always God's will to heal and He always has a plan. Will we wait for His plan and obey? Or will we cry and complain when He does not do it the way we want and expect? Do you really trust God? Then seek His face for His plan for your healing. Do it His way and be healed!

4. Word of Knowledge (kidney infection - D)

1 Corinthians 12:8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

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

Kevin:

Irritable Bowel Syndrome (I.B.S.)

During my last years in the Air Force I was diagnosed with Irritable Bowel Syndrome or IBS for short. I would often feel full and uncomfortable and experienced other unpleasant effects of this condition. They told me I needed to find out which foods caused the problem and adjust my eating accordingly. I discovered that donuts and things that contained a lot of white flour were the main culprits. So I scaled back on those kinds of foods.

I have learned from reading material from several good ministries that the enemy steals our foods. God gives them back. Allergies and other food limiting infirmities are not God's will and can be healed. I also began to realize that sometimes our problems are not the result of eating the wrong thing but caused by a lack of needed nutrients in our diet. In some situations the problem may be wide spread as a result of poor soil use in the farming of local produce. Our soil is not allowed to rest and regenerate so it cannot produce the needed nutrients.

One day I spent some time in prayer and asked the Lord about this. Suddenly an inner vision opened up and I saw the Lord Jesus facing away from me bent over a plant as though he were tending it. Without input from the Lord I knew within myself that this plant was the answer to my medical condition and I needed to add it to my diet. I simply asked the Lord, “What is it?” Immediately in front of my eyes an LED readout appeared with the word ALFALFA. I thanked the Lord and the vision ended.

That was a word of knowledge released to me in an inner vision. Words of knowledge can come in a variety of ways.

I went to our computer and learned from the internet that alfalfa is the “Father of all foods.” It is one of the most nutritional foods you can eat. When the sprouts are planted the roots draw from deep in the soil all kinds of minerals and nutrients that other plants do not. It supplies all kinds of dietary needs. And the conditions I was experiencing were listed among those alfalfa would aid in solving.

I also studied the best ways to include it in your diet and Debby and I added it daily. I do not remember how quickly I experienced the benefits, but it was very quick. I have not suffered with IBS from that day till this; a span of over 10 years.

God gave me back my donuts and all those wonderful pastries which go so well with coffee. Anyone who knows me knows I love coffee and what the Finnish call “Pulla.” Pulla is a donut like delight. I, however, include all kinds of sweet pastries, rolls, donuts and sweet breads in my definition of “pulla.” God loves me as much as anyone. He gave “pulla” back to me. He was not the one who took it from me in the first place. This is a reaffirmation of the simple truth that the devil steals, kills and destroys. God gives us life and that more abundantly (John 10:10).

5. Care of your body

1 Corinthians 6:19, 20

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

What we put in our body is important to our health. This does not mean we cannot enjoy the things that some tell us not to eat. But it does mean that God does not always need to heal us, but simply to teach us to adjust our life style. My story about Irritable Bowel Syndrome and a word of knowledge to eat alfalfa is just one

example. Another interesting note from this story is that God is not restricted to what we might think of as religious methods. I have also observed that people who are religiously narrow in their outlook will receive from the Lord according to their limitations. Jesus meets us where we are. God is love.

6. Prayer of Faith

John 14:14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

James 5:15 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.

What is a prayer of faith? It is not a prayer of fear. It is a prayer from a heart that believes it will have what it asks for.

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*.”

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you . . .”

John 15:5 “. . . for without Me you can do nothing.

Without Jesus we cannot release faith for healing. Peter knew that without Jesus he had nothing to offer the lame man. But Peter was not without Jesus. As believers, we are not without Jesus. We have Him. And with Him we have authority to heal the sick. Praise God. You have authority from Jesus to heal the sick. He spoke the word in **Mark 16:18**. Now we can activate that word by doing what the word says, “**lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.**”

Jesus spoke to the disciples, “. . . go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ “Heal the sick, . . . Freely you have received, freely give” **Matthew 10:7, 8**. Freely you have received this authority. Now freely release its power. So we see Peter saying, “**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.**”

Peter gave what he had. How? He spoke a word of authority which released healing power. Then he acted on that healing word and took the man’s hand and lifted him to his feet. As a result the man was healed instantly.

7. Be a Doer of the Word

James 1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Matthew 9:6, 7

6 “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.” **7** And he arose and departed to his house.

I remember reading the testimony of Dottie Osteen. She was told she would die of cancer in a few months. She began declaring the word of God over herself every time she felt the symptoms in her body. She was speaking the word. But she did something more. Whatever she had planned for the day she did, no matter how she felt. She gave more authority to the word of God than to the symptoms of cancer in her body. If she needed to go shopping she went. If she wanted to visit her friends she went. If she had planned to exercise at a certain time she did it. If she had a meeting scheduled to minister the word, she kept the date. No matter how her body felt, she did what she would do if she had no symptoms at all. The more she spoke the word and did the word the healthier she got. After six months she was cancer free.

When Debby and I arrived in Finland in November 2005 we started doing meetings almost immediately. We both noticed that on the day of a meeting we felt the initial symptoms of what could be the flu or some sort of virus. Without telling each other we both commanded the spirits behind those attacks to leave and we got up and prepared for the meeting as though nothing were happening. Usually, within 30 minutes the symptoms were gone. But on some occasions one or both of us still felt something threatening our health as we headed to the meeting. But because we did not give in to whatever it was on any particular day, we always kept our health and finished the meeting with no more symptoms of any sort. This happened many times the first three months we were there. But it was over a month before we told each other about it. Then we discovered that both of us were experiencing the same thing. This actually encouraged us and we became more aggressive in our faith. We knew the enemy was trying to stop us, but the Spirit of God was teaching us not to let symptoms dictate our faith. We not only believed the word of God in our heads; we acted out our faith and it helped us to solidify the truth of the word under our feet. Jesus is our Rock.

Since then we have had symptoms try to rob us of health many times. But as soon as we recognize the attack, we command the spirit of affliction to take his garbage and go. Then we invite the Holy Spirit to establish His resurrection life in that place and we refuse to allow the symptom to dictate our day. Instead we do whatever we had planned. We remained healthy and never missed a meeting.

8. Prayer of agreement

Matthew 18:19 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.

This testimony is very simple. For several years Debby and I have had pain in our legs. We have a practice of walking together for about an hour each day. As we have agreed in prayer and declared our legs to be pain free, even as we were feeling pain while walking, our legs have become pain free just as we declared.

9. Generational Curses

Deuteronomy 5:9 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

Debby:

A Generational Curse Broken

For 20 years as believers we heard very little about the curse. Then as we became involved in deliverance ministry we observed people experiencing the effects of curses as per Deuteronomy 28. So it seemed that the curse still had power over believers, despite being in Christ. Because we believed that then, the enemy had an open door to activate curses upon us and we felt somewhat helpless against them. This will help you understand my testimony below.

I had a rash on my right hand. The right hand is the hand of authority. One day my daughter came to me and told me she had a rash on her right hand and her daughter, my granddaughter, had a rash on her right hand. I had already been taught about generational curses. I knew I had authority. So I went before God to find out the cause (Proverbs 26:2). I discovered that my mother and my grandmother had had the same problem. I saw that because of abuses from male authority each one of us had judged all men in authority. When I saw my judgment I repented and told my daughter. Together we declared the curse broken. The rash left each of our hands.

A curse cannot come upon us without a cause.

Proverbs 26:2 Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, so a curse without cause shall not alight.

The cause is not our father's sin; it is our active agreement with it, our passive agreement with it through fear or our fleshly judgment against that sin (which is also sin). It passes to the 3rd and 4th generation (Exodus 20:5, 6) because each succeeding generation agrees with it or remains ignorant of our authority over it. As soon as a new generation understands their authority and repents of agreement and/or fear of the curse, that generation becomes free from it (see Ezekiel 18:14-20).

Ezekiel 18:20 "The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself."

All curses are destroyed in Christ. He became a curse for us so we could see that in Him our sins and the sins of our fathers can no longer prevent the blessings of Abraham, if we simply walk in faith in the finished work of Christ to redeem us from our sin and our iniquity.

Galatians 3:13, 14

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

To be free of a curse we simply forgive those who rebelled against God's word (we forgive the effect of our forefather's sin on our lives). We confess our own agreement with that sin to God. We repent from it and turn to His word. And we ask Him for grace to walk according to His word. Our walk of faith releases the blessings of Abraham into our lives.

Proverbs 10:22 The blessing of the LORD makes *one* rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.

In Christ there is no curse. That is why we need to understand being "In Christ" or being "in the flesh." How can a curse affect us if we are not under the law? It affects us because we stop trusting in His righteousness and try again by the power of our flesh to establish our own righteousness (Romans 10:3, 4). In this way we

put ourselves back under the law. Anytime you go back to the law for one thing, you put yourself back in bondage to the whole law, as Paul warned the Galatians.

Galatians 5:1–4

¹ Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. ² Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. ³ And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. ⁴ You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to be justified by law*; you have fallen from grace.

Anyone who receives Christ does so by faith, not by obeying the law. Simply because we choose to believe God, though we have failed God, He puts the righteousness of His Son on us (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Galatians 3:2, 3, 6-9

² This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?—³ Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh

⁶ just as Abraham *“believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”*

⁷ Therefore know that *only* those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, *saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.”*⁹ So then those who *are* of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

To remain in Christ is to walk with Him by faith. Being in the flesh means we forsake faith in Christ’s word and go back to the law for righteousness.

God's mercy is to walk with us when we sin and when we obey, so we learn that the righteousness of Christ comes by faith in His victory over the law of sin and death. The grace of God comes then to teach us, if we will learn, how to overcome sin in Christ. The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to show us the truth so we can walk in it.

Galatians 3:10-14

¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, *“Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”*¹¹ But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God *is* evident, for *“the just shall live by faith.”*¹² Yet the law is not of faith, but *“the man who does them shall live by them.”*¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, *“Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”*),¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come

upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

10. Healing in the Glory

Acts 5:12-16

12 The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. **13** No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. **14** Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. **15** As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. **16** Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.

Debby:

Healing in the Glory

For six weeks, I had been in meetings every night where the Glory of God had been manifesting to the people. I had felt His presence in such a strong way that it continued long after the meetings were over.

Acts 5:15, 16

15 Inasmuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. **16.** There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

In the book of Acts, the presence of God was so strong on Peter that just the move of his shadow over the people healed them. When the presence of God moves in, the enemy must move out. During one of these nights, I received a miracle. Let me share with you how it started.

I had noticed that three lesions had showed up on my fore head. Not knowing what these were, I spoke a curse for them to dry up and fall off. I could not remember how long they had been there or when I had cursed them, but they were still there. After this night's meeting was over, I was walking to our car when I felt something on my fore head. I reached up to touch my head and looked at my hand to see if anything was in it. To my surprise, I saw one of the lesions in my hand. It had just fallen off my fore head. I was speechless. This had never happened to me before. I couldn't wait to get home and see what had happened to the other two. I

ran to the mirror and looked at my fore head. To my surprise; I could only find one left. One had fallen off, one had disappeared, and one had shrunk. God had changed them while I was worshiping Him and His presence had flowed over me. Every time I look in the mirror, I am reminded of His miracle power and His love for His Children. I received many healings in my body, soul, and spirit during those six weeks but those stories must be for another time dear saints. Let me just say, I was changed forever by His presence. That is what He does; changes us for His Glory. I want you to remember, loved ones, that God loves you, too. His Son has paid for your healing. Sometimes healing comes quickly and sometimes healing comes with time. Don't give up hope if you are still waiting for that healing. Your miracle could be just around the corner. Stand in faith and declare God's Word out of your mouth. Tell your body to line up with the Word of God till you receive that healing. I have received healings quickly and some healings after many years of waiting.

1 Peter 1:21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

The enemy will steal your hope if you let him. Don't let him! Stand on the Word and trust your God to set you free.

11. Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:27-30

27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

Matthew 7:1 Judge not, that you be not judged.

Kevin:

Judgment

When I was in high school one day after taking a shower in the boys' locker room, I borrowed a comb from one of the popular football players. After that I developed eczema in my scalp and had to use medicated shampoos. As I became accustomed to this, it did not bother me. The shampoos worked well. Yet I wanted to be free from using expensive shampoos. If I used a regular shampoo just one time, my scalp would itch and turn red.

One day after I received a word of knowledge about how this healing would occur, I went before the Lord and waited for Him to speak. He took me back to those high school days and showed me a judgment in my heart toward the popular crowd. I had to repent for that judgment before anything else could happen. I spent some time right then and made sure my heart was clean from this judgment before the Lord. Then I had an inner vision in which I was surrounded by many of my friends and church members and Jesus came and laid His hand on my head and declared me healed. As I thought about the medicated shampoo, the Lord dealt with my heart about the possibility that my scalp would itch and turn red and people would notice. I agreed with the Lord that fear would not control me. If I had to go through some embarrassing moments on my way to total healing, I would trust His healing word. It was then that I felt released by the Lord to stop using the medicated shampoo and use the most ordinary inexpensive shampoo I could find.

I never had those embarrassing moments. From that day to this my scalp is healthy and has never been red or itchy like that again.

12. Place a demand on the Anointing

Mark 5:24-34

24 So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." 29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. 30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" 31 "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'" 32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." (Matthew 9:20-22)

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.

By His stripes you were healed. Healing is already a finished work. God wants us to receive this finished work. He often uses words of knowledge to stir up faith. It is great when He sends a word of knowledge specifically for us. It can be easy to

receive healing then. When you hear a word of knowledge that appears to be for another, but it is about your condition, the anointing to heal is there for you, too. So take hold of it. When you hear a testimony that stirs your faith, the anointing is there for you, too. So take it. To place a demand on the anointing all you need to know is the truth that God has already healed us all. Jesus purchased our healing with the stripes He bore on His body.

“By whose stripes you were healed,” completely fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah 53:5, “by His stripes we are healed.”

Once that revelation clicks on like a light bulb in our hearts, we can then appropriate it by faith. You can do that by speaking the word and activating your faith with whatever action you could not do before. Do it! If you find you cannot, or there is still pain, tell the pain to go. Command your body to be healed and repeat the action until there is liberty; free of pain.

You may receive direction from God like the woman with the issue of blood did. She knew in her heart that she would be healed, if she just touched the hem of Christ’s garment. You can do that too when you sense the anointing in a meeting or see it on a leader. The next time you are in a meeting where the anointing to heal is present listen in faith for instruction. Instruction may come from the leader or from the Holy Spirit or from both. The leader may give a word of knowledge, or he may ask those who want to be healed to do certain things. Whatever opportunity presents itself, take it.

The Holy Spirit may give you an impression (a picture) of what to do or where to be. Do what you see or go to that spot. He may tell you to wait for the leader to say or do a certain thing. Position yourself for that. When it happens, take hold of your healing in faith.

13. I believe, Help my unbelief

Mark 9:23-27

23 "If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." 24 Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" 25 When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." 26 The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

Kevin:

God Healed Me of a Phobia

In my family there was a common problem among the boys. We tended to faint when receiving shots or having medical procedures done which required the penetration of our skin. The first time I was ever healed of anything by God was in basic training for the US Air Force. I was not a believer at that time. I had passed out while waiting my turn to receive several shots. This testimony is not about that healing. So briefly, I felt God's presence one Sunday at a chapel service. I asked God to help me get the next series of shots standing up without fainting. God did that for me as I stood in faith. From that point on I could receive shots with no problem. I then knew God was real. About 18 months later someone explained salvation and I accepted Christ.

However, I discovered that I still had a problem with having my blood taken. And this problem grew worse so that I would pass out and need two hours for my blood pressure to become normal so I could walk. Years later it got so bad I would wake up after passing out to discover they had put an oxygen mask on me and an IV in my arm. Still I would have to be there a while. This is what is called a phobia. And it was stopping me from doing what God wanted.

During this time I finished studies for a Master's Degree. It was time to apply for Officer Training School (OTS). Then after a horrible experience during a medical examination I said to God, "If you want me to go to OTS, You will have to do something about this." I knew I could make an appointment for a behavioral psychology process called "desensitization." But I was determined not to do that. Either God would heal me, or I would not apply for OTS.

Over several months God gave me instant flashes of truth about the procedure of giving blood. It had to be instant flashes. Before that I could not think about or listen to anyone talk about this subject. As soon as someone would begin to talk about it, things would begin to go black. I would pass out unless I could get away or get the person to stop. God never brought up the subject as if to say, "Alright, its time to talk about giving blood." Instead, He would just flash a bit of truth into my conscious mind in a split-second. I would have one of those awe-inspiring moments of revelation and stand amazed that I had ever believed the lie. I knew He was using these moments to change the way I perceived the process and heal me of the phobia. My thinking was irrational, but no one could challenge my

irrational thinking because I could not endure the discussion. This is how God did it. He is so wise.

After several of these flashes of truth occurred, I knew I could apply for OTS, take the necessary medical examination and not pass out. It worked so well, I was amazed and have never fainted again. God healed me of the phobia by revealing truth to me. The truth set me free. Hallelujah!

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

I asked the Lord what story in the Bible applied to this approach to Him by which I received this healing. He reminded me of the story of the man who cried to Jesus, “I believe, but help my unbelief.” I knew God could heal this. So I had in effect, cast myself at His feet, refusing any other source of help but Him. I had tried relaxation techniques with no success. Several times I tried to just focus on Jesus, but I could not do it long enough. He knew I needed a mind renewal, not a moment of help here and there. He needed complete surrender from me. I had to give up natural means and wait only for Him to move. It took months. But He moved and I am free.

Mark 9:23, 24

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Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

Keep in mind this was not life or death for me. In a life or death situation you need to know God is directing you, before you forsake the help of the medical community.

14. Keep your healing

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.”

Remember from the teaching in the first chapter that when we are healed we are also forgiven of whatever sin may have been linked with that infirmity. Now it is time to ask the Spirit of God how to adjust our living so we do not reopen a door to the enemy to afflict us again. As there is grace from God to be saved and healed,

there is also grace to not give in to any sin the Holy Spirit shows you to stay clear of.

Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Another way of saying what is said in Matthew 11:12 is *“From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has opened to those who are aggressive, and aggressive people lay hold of it because they know they can.”*

Healing is part of our covenant heritage. And living in health is normal in the Kingdom of God. It belongs to us because we are God’s sons and daughters. It is our bread (Mark 7:29). So when the enemy tries to steal it from us, we say, “No! This belongs to me and I will not allow it to be stolen.” That mindset keeps the healing which Jesus paid the price at the whipping post to give us. We will not let His suffering be in vain!

Not only did Christ pay for your healing, He also restored authority to those of us who receive Him as Savior. When symptoms of sickness come back we are not to believe the lie that we were not really healed. We stand against the enemy and we tell him to take his garbage and leave. Then we worship the Lord and thank Him for the healing He paid for and we remain in health.

**Physical
and
Spiritual
Healings
in the
New Testament**

Read through these Scriptures and
allow faith to be built up within you.

As the Scriptures says:

Romans 10:17

So then faith *cometh* by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God.

We want you to hear what God is saying to you.

Allow God's Word to speak to your heart.

Meditate on the Scriptures that the Holy Spirit
highlights to you until His Word becomes
alive and abundant in your heart.

His Word will have authority
over every other word in your heart.

Then you can declare God's Word
out of your mouth till you see healing
take place in your body.

Healing, Miracles, and Casting out of Demons.

<p>A man</p> <p>Disease</p> <p>Leprosy</p>	<p>Matthew 8:2-4</p>	<p>2 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”</p> <p>3 Then Jesus put out <i>His</i> hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.</p> <p>4 And Jesus said to him, “See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”</p>
	<p>Mark 1:40-45</p>	<p>⁴⁰ Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.”</p> <p>⁴¹ Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out <i>His</i> hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.” ⁴² As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. ⁴³ And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”</p> <p>⁴⁵ However, he went out and began to proclaim <i>it</i> freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.</p>
	<p>Luke 5:12-14</p>	<p>¹² And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on <i>his</i> face and implored Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”</p> <p>¹³ Then He put out <i>His</i> hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ And He charged him to tell no one, “But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded.”</p>

<p>⁵ Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, ⁶ saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.”</p> <p>⁷ And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.”</p> <p>⁸ 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. ⁹ For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this <i>one</i>, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does <i>it</i>.”</p> <p>¹⁰ When Jesus heard <i>it</i>, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! ¹¹ And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³ 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.</p>	<p>Matthew 8:5-13</p>	<p>Centurion’s Servant</p> <p>Disease Palsy</p> <p>(Complete or partial muscle paralysis, often accompanied by loss of sensations and uncontrollable body movements or tremors.)</p>
<p>¹Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. ³ So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, ⁵ “for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue.”</p> <p>⁶ Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, “Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. ⁷ Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does <i>it</i>.”</p> <p>⁹ When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, “I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!” ¹⁰ And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.</p>	<p>Luke 7:1-10</p>	

Peter's wife's mother Disease Fever	Matthew 8:14-15	¹⁴ Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵ So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.
	Mark 1:30-31	³⁰ But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. ³¹ So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.
	Luke 4:38-39	³⁸ Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. ³⁹ So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.
Multitude Diseases and demonic possession	Matthew 8:16	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,
	Luke 4:40-41	⁴⁰ When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹ And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking <i>them</i> , did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.
Pharisees and doctors of the law Presence of Jesus healed	Luke 5:17	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 <i>present</i> to heal them.

<p>²⁸ When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed <i>men</i>, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. ²⁹ And suddenly they cried out, saying, “What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”</p> <p>³⁰ Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. ³¹ So the demons begged Him, saying, “If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine.”</p> <p>³² And He said to them, “Go.” So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.</p> <p>³³ Then those who kept <i>them</i> fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what <i>had happened</i> to the demon-possessed <i>men</i>. ³⁴ And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged <i>Him</i> to depart from their region.</p>	<p>Matthew 8:28-34</p>	<p>Two men in the tombs</p> <p>Possessed with demons</p>
<p>¹ Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. ² And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, ³ who had <i>his</i> dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, ⁴ because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. ⁵ And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.</p> <p>⁶ When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. ⁷ And he cried out with a loud voice and said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.”</p> <p>⁸ For He said to him, “Come out of the man, unclean spirit!” ⁹ Then He asked him, “What is your name?”</p> <p>And he answered, saying, “My name is Legion; for we are many.” ¹⁰ Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.</p> <p>¹¹ Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. ¹² So all the demons begged Him, saying, “Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.” ¹³ And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.</p>	<p>Mark 5:1-20</p>	<p>A man</p> <p>Possessed with demons</p>

<p>A man</p> <p>Possessed with demons (Cont.)</p>	<p>Mark 5:1-20 (cont.)</p>	<p>¹⁴ So those who fed the swine fled, and they told <i>it</i> in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one <i>who had been</i> demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ¹⁶ And those who saw it told them how it happened to him <i>who had been</i> demon-possessed, and about the swine. ¹⁷ Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.</p> <p>¹⁸ And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. ¹⁹ However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.” ²⁰ And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.</p>
	<p>Luke 8:26-39</p>	<p>²⁶ Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!” ²⁹ For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.</p> <p>³⁰ Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.</p> <p>³² Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. ³³ Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. ³⁴ When those who fed <i>them</i> saw what had happened, they fled and told <i>it</i> in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ They also who had seen <i>it</i> told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.</p>

<p>³⁷ Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.</p> <p>³⁸ Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.</p>	<p>Luke 8:26-39 (cont.)</p>	<p>A man (cont.)</p> <p>Possessed with demons</p>
<p>¹ So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. ² Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.”</p> <p>³ And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!”</p> <p>⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? ⁶ 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.” ⁷ And he arose and departed to his house.</p> <p>⁸ Now when the multitudes saw <i>it</i>, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.</p>	<p>Matthew 9:1-8</p>	<p>Man</p> <p>Disease Palsy</p>
<p>³ Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four <i>men</i>. ⁴ And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.</p> <p>⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”</p> <p>⁶ And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this <i>Man</i> speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”</p> <p>⁸ But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” ¹² 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 <i>anything</i> like this!”</p>	<p>Mark 2:3-12</p>	

<p>Man (cont.)</p> <p>Disease</p> <p>Palsy</p>	<p>Luke</p> <p>5:18-26</p>	<p>¹⁸ Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. ¹⁹ And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with <i>his</i> bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.</p> <p>²⁰ When He saw their faith, He said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”</p> <p>²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”</p> <p>²² But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up and walk’? ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the man who was paralyzed, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”</p> <p>²⁵ Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. ²⁶ And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen strange things today!”</p>
<p>Jairus- Ruler Daughter had died</p>	<p>Matthew</p> <p>9:18</p>	<p>¹⁸ While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.”</p>
	<p>Matthew</p> <p>9:23-26</p>	<p>²³ When Jesus came into the ruler’s house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, ²⁴ He said to them, “Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him. ²⁵ But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶ And the report of this went out into all that land.</p>
	<p>Mark</p> <p>5:22-24</p>	<p>²² And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet ²³ and begged Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live.” ²⁴ So <i>Jesus</i> went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.</p>

<p>³⁵ While He was still speaking, <i>some</i> came from the ruler of the synagogue's <i>house</i> who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"</p> <p>³⁶ As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." ³⁷ And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸ Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. ³⁹ When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."</p> <p>⁴⁰ And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those <i>who were</i> with Him, and entered where the child was lying. ⁴¹ Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴² Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years <i>of age</i>. And they were overcome with great amazement. ⁴³ But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that <i>something</i> should be given her to eat.</p>	<p>Mark 5:35-43</p>	<p>Jairus- Ruler Daughter had died (Cont.)</p>
<p>¹⁹ So Jesus arose and followed him, and so <i>did</i> His disciples.</p> <p>²⁰ And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. ²¹ For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." ²² But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.</p>	<p>Matthew 9:19-22</p>	<p>A woman Disease Issue of blood</p>
<p>²⁵ Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came behind <i>Him</i> in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."</p> <p>²⁹ Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in <i>her</i> body that she was healed of the affliction. ³⁰ And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"</p> <p>³¹ But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "</p>	<p>Mark 5:25-34</p>	

<p>A woman</p> <p>Disease Issue of blood (Cont.)</p>	<p>Mark 5:22-24 (Cont.)</p>	<p>³² And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. ³³ But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴ And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”</p>
	<p>Luke 8:43-48</p>	<p>⁴³ Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, ⁴⁴ came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.</p> <p>⁴⁵ And Jesus said, “Who touched Me?”</p> <p>When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’ ”</p> <p>⁴⁶ But Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.” ⁴⁷ Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.</p> <p>⁴⁸ And He said to her, “Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”</p>
<p>Two men</p> <p>Condition Blind</p>	<p>Matthew 9:27-30</p>	<p>²⁷ When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” ²⁸ And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” ²⁹ Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” ³⁰ And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See <i>that no one knows it.</i>”</p>

<p>³² As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. ³³ And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!”</p>	<p>Matthew 9:32-33</p>	<p>A man Possessed with demons</p>
<p>¹⁴ And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled.</p>	<p>Luke 11:14</p>	<p>Condition Dumb</p>
<p>⁹ Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. ¹⁰ And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—that they might accuse Him. ¹¹ Then He said to them, “What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift <i>it</i> out? ¹² Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” ¹³ Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched <i>it</i> out, and it was restored as whole as the other.</p>	<p>Matthew 12:9-13</p>	<p>A man Condition Withered hand</p>
<p>¹ And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. ³ And He said to the man who had the withered hand, “Step forward.” ⁴ Then He said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they kept silent. ⁵ And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched <i>it</i> out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.</p>	<p>Mark 3:1-5</p>	
<p>⁶ Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered. ⁷ So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against Him. ⁸ But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, “Arise and stand here.” And he arose and stood. ⁹ Then Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?” ¹⁰ And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.</p>	<p>Luke 6:6-10</p>	

<p>Multitudes</p> <p>Diseases and demonic possession</p>	<p>Matthew 12:15</p>	<p>¹⁵ But when Jesus knew <i>it</i>, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.</p>
	<p>Mark 3:7-12</p>	<p>⁷ But Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea. And a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea ⁸ and Jerusalem and Idumea and beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they heard how many things He was doing, came to Him. ⁹ So He told His disciples that a small boat should be kept ready for Him because of the multitude, lest they should crush Him. ¹⁰ For He healed many, so that as many as had afflictions pressed about Him to touch Him. ¹¹ And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God." ¹² But He sternly warned them that they should not make Him known.</p>
	<p>Luke 6:17-19</p>	<p>¹⁷ And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, ¹⁸ as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. ¹⁹ And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed <i>them</i> all.</p>
<p>A man Possessed with devils</p> <p>Condition Blind and deaf</p>	<p>Matthew 12:22-23</p>	<p>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. ²³ And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"</p>
	<p>Mark 7:31-37</p>	<p>³¹ Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. ³² 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. ³³ And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed <i>it</i>. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."</p>

<p>¹⁰ So he sent and had John beheaded in prison. ¹¹ And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought <i>it</i> to her mother. ¹² Then his disciples came and took away the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus.</p> <p>¹³ When Jesus heard <i>it</i>, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. ¹⁴ And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.</p>	<p>Matthew 14:10-14</p>	<p>Multitude Diseases</p>
<p>³⁴ When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. ³⁵ And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick, ³⁶ and begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched <i>it</i> were made perfectly well.</p>	<p>Matthew 14:34-36</p>	<p>Multitudes Touched hem of Jesus' garment</p>
<p>⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, ⁵⁵ ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was. ⁵⁶ Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.</p>	<p>Mark 6:53-56</p>	<p>Diseases</p>
<p>²¹ Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."</p> <p>²³ But He answered her not a word.</p> <p>And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."</p> <p>²⁴ But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."</p> <p>²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"</p> <p>²⁶ But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw <i>it</i> to the little dogs."</p> <p>²⁷ And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."</p> <p>²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.</p>	<p>Matthew 15:21-28</p>	<p>Woman of Canaan's daughter Possessed with demons</p>

<p>Woman of Canaan's daughter</p> <p>Possessed with demons (Cont.)</p>	<p>Mark 7:24-30</p>	<p>²⁴ From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know <i>it</i>, but He could not be hidden. ²⁵ For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw <i>it</i> to the little dogs." ²⁸ And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs." ²⁹ Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter." ³⁰ And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.</p>
<p>Multitudes</p> <p>Conditions Lame, blind, deaf, maimed and many others</p>	<p>Matthew 15:29-31</p>	<p>²⁹ Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there. ³⁰ Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them <i>the</i> lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. ³¹ So the multitude marveled when they saw <i>the</i> mute speaking, <i>the</i> maimed made whole, <i>the</i> lame walking, and <i>the</i> blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.</p>
<p>A son Possessed with demons</p> <p>Disease Epilepsy</p>	<p>Matthew 17:14-21</p>	<p>¹⁴ And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, ¹⁵ "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. ¹⁶ So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁰ So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for 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. ²¹ However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."</p>

<p>¹⁴ When He had called all the multitude to <i>Himself</i>, He said to them, “Hear Me, everyone, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. ¹⁶ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!”</p> <p>¹⁷ When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. ¹⁸ So He said to them, “Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, <i>thus</i> purifying all foods?”²⁰ And He said, “What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²² thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”</p> <p>²⁴ From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know <i>it</i>, but He could not be hidden. ²⁵ For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw <i>it</i> to the little dogs.”</p> <p>²⁸ And she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.”</p> <p>²⁹ Then He said to her, “For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.”</p>	<p>Mark 9:14-29</p>	<p>A son Possessed with demons</p> <p>Disease Epilepsy (Cont.)</p>
<p>³⁷ Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him. ³⁸ Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, “Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹ And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams <i>at the mouth</i>; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him. ⁴⁰ So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.”</p> <p>⁴¹ Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed <i>him</i>. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.</p> <p>⁴³ And they were all amazed at the majesty of God. . . .</p>	<p>Luke 9:37-43</p>	

<p>Multitudes Disease</p>	<p>Matthew 19:1-2</p>	<p>¹Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, <i>that</i> He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ² And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.</p>
<p>Two men Condition Blind</p>	<p>Matthew 20:29-34</p>	<p>²⁹ Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him. ³⁰ And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" ³¹ Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" ³² So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" ³³ They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." ³⁴ So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.</p>
<p>Bartimaeus Condition Blind</p>	<p>Mark 10:46-52</p>	<p>⁴⁶ Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." ⁵⁰ And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.</p>
	<p>Luke 18:35-43</p>	<p>³⁵ Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. ³⁶ And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. ³⁷ So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. ³⁸ And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹ Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰ So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, ⁴¹ saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."</p>

<p>⁴² Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” ⁴³ And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw <i>it</i>, gave praise to God.</p>	<p>Luke 18:35-43 (Cont.)</p>	<p>Bartimaeus (cont.) Condition Blind</p>
<p>¹⁴ Then <i>the</i> blind and <i>the</i> lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.</p>	<p>Matthew 21:14</p>	<p>Multitude Condition Blind and lame</p>
<p>²¹ Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. ²² And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ saying, “Let <i>us</i> alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. ²⁷ Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? What new doctrine <i>is</i> this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.”</p>	<p>Mark 1:21-27</p>	<p>A man Possessed with demons</p>
<p>³¹ Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. ³² And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. ³³ Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴ saying, “Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are— the Holy One of God!” ³⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him in <i>their</i> midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. ³⁶ Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, “What a word this <i>is</i>! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.”</p>	<p>Luke 4:31-36</p>	

<p>Multitudes Diseased Possessed with devils</p>	<p>Mark 1:32-34</p>	<p>³² At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.</p>
<p>Multitudes Possessed w/demons</p>	<p>Mark 1:39</p>	<p>³⁹ And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.</p>
<p>Multitudes Performed by-twelve Disciples Possessed w/demons & afflicted w/diseases</p>	<p>Mark 6:13</p>	<p>¹³ And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed <i>them</i>.</p>
<p>A man Condition Blind</p>	<p>Mark 8:22-26</p>	<p>²² Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. ²³ So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. ²⁴ And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." ²⁵ Then He put <i>His</i> hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. ²⁶ Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."</p>
<p>Son Dead</p>	<p>Luke 7:11-17</p>	<p>¹¹ Now it happened, the day after, <i>that</i> He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. ¹² And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried <i>him</i> stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵ So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. ¹⁶ Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." ¹⁷ And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.</p>

<p>²¹ And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight.</p>	<p>Luke 7:21</p>	<p>Multitude Diseases and possessed w/demons</p>
<p>² and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons,</p>	<p>Luke 8:2</p>	<p>Mary Magdalene Possessed w/demons</p>
<p>⁶ So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.</p>	<p>Luke 9:6</p>	<p>Multitude Diseases</p>
<p>¹¹ But when the multitudes knew <i>it</i>, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.</p>	<p>Luke 9:11</p>	<p>Multitude Performed by-twelve Disciples Diseases</p>
<p>¹⁰ Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise <i>herself</i> up. ¹² But when Jesus saw her, He called <i>her</i> to <i>Him</i> and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” ¹³ And He laid <i>His</i> hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. ¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ The Lord then answered him and said, “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead <i>it</i> away to water it? ¹⁶ 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?”</p>	<p>Luke 13:10-16</p>	<p>Woman Synagogue Possessed with demons Condition - bowed over</p>
<p>² And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” ⁴ But they kept silent. And He took <i>him</i> and healed him, and let him go.</p>	<p>Luke 14:2-4</p>	<p>A man Disease- dropsy</p>

<p>10 men Disease- leprosy</p>	<p>Luke 17:11-19</p>	<p>¹¹ Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. ¹² Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. ¹³ And they lifted up <i>their</i> voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ So when He saw <i>them</i>, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ and fell down on <i>his</i> face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where <i>are</i> the nine? ¹⁸ Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”</p>
<p>A man Ear cut off</p>	<p>Luke 22:49-51</p>	<p>⁴⁹ When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus answered and said, “Permit even this.” And He touched his ear and healed him.</p>
<p>A son Condition - at the point of death</p>	<p>John 4:46-54</p>	<p>⁴⁶ 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. ⁴⁷ 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. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you <i>people</i> see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.” ⁴⁹ The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!” ⁵⁰ 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. ⁵¹ And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told <i>him</i>, saying, “Your son lives!” ⁵² Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” ⁵³ So the father knew that <i>it was</i> at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, and his whole household. ⁵⁴ This again <i>is</i> the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.</p>

<p>¹ After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴ 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. ⁵ Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been <i>in that condition</i> a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?”</p> <p>⁷ 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.”</p> <p>⁸ Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.”</p> <p>⁹ And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.</p> <p>And that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰ The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.”</p> <p>¹¹ He answered them, “He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’ ”</p> <p>¹² Then they asked him, “Who is the Man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” ¹³ But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in <i>that</i> place. 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.”</p> <p>¹⁵ The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.</p> <p>¹⁶ For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.</p> <p>¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”</p> <p>¹⁸ Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.</p>	<p>John 5:1-18</p>	<p>A man Disease- infirmity 38 years</p>
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<p>A man</p> <p>Condition Blind</p>	<p>John 9:1-41</p>	<p>¹ Now as <i>Jesus</i> passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”</p> <p>³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. ⁴ I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; <i>the</i> night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”</p> <p>⁶ 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. ⁷ 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.</p> <p>⁸ Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?”</p> <p>⁹ Some said, “This is he.” Others <i>said</i>, “He is like him.” He said, “I am <i>he</i>.”</p> <p>¹⁰ Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”</p> <p>¹¹ He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.”</p> <p>¹² Then they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”</p> <p>¹³ They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”</p> <p>¹⁶ Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.</p> <p>¹⁷ They said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”</p> <p>¹⁸ But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. ¹⁹ And they asked them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”</p> <p>²⁰ His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;</p>
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<p>²¹ but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.” ²² His parents said these <i>things</i> because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed <i>that</i> He <i>was</i> Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” ²⁴ So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, “Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.”</p> <p>²⁵ He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner <i>or not</i> I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”</p> <p>²⁶ Then they said to him again, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”</p> <p>²⁷ He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear <i>it</i> again? Do you also want to become His disciples?”</p> <p>²⁸ Then they reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses; <i>as for this fellow</i>, we do not know where He is from.”</p> <p>³⁰ The man answered and said to them, “Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! ³¹ Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. ³² Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. ³³ If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.”</p> <p>³⁴ They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out.</p> <p>³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”</p> <p>³⁶ He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”</p> <p>³⁷ And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.”</p> <p>³⁸ Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.</p> <p>³⁹ And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”</p> <p>⁴⁰ Then <i>some</i> of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, “Are we blind also?”</p> <p>⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains.</p>	<p>John 9:1-41</p>	<p>Man (cont.) Blind</p>
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<p>Lazarus</p> <p>Condition Dead</p>	<p>John 11:1-45</p>	<p>¹Now a certain <i>man</i> was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was <i>that</i> Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ³ Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.”</p> <p>⁴ When Jesus heard <i>that</i>, He said, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”</p> <p>⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. ⁷ Then after this He said to <i>the</i> disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”</p> <p>⁸ The disciples said to Him, “Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?”</p> <p>⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.”</p> <p>¹¹ These things He said, and after that He said to them, “Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.”</p> <p>¹² Then His disciples said, “Lord, if he sleeps he will get well.” ¹³ However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.</p> <p>¹⁴ Then Jesus said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him.”</p> <p>¹⁶ Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with Him.”</p> <p>¹⁷ So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹ And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.</p> <p>²⁰ Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹ Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.”</p> <p>²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”</p> <p>²⁴ Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”</p> <p>²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”</p> <p>²⁷ She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”</p>
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<p>28 And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." 29 As soon as she heard <i>that</i>, she arose quickly and came to Him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. 31 Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there." 32 Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. 34 And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" 37 And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?" 38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been <i>dead</i> four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" 41 Then they took away the stone <i>from the place</i> where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up <i>His</i> eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said <i>this</i>, that they may believe that You sent Me." 43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." 45 Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.</p>	<p>John 11:1-45</p>	<p>Lazarus (cont.) Condition Dead</p>
<p>1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth <i>hour</i>. 2 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; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.</p>	<p>Acts 3:1-10</p>	<p>A man Condition Lame</p>

<p>A man Condition Lame (Cont.)</p>	<p>Acts 3:1-10 (Cont.)</p>	<p>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. ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and lifted <i>him</i> up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸ So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. ⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God. ¹⁰ 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.</p>
<p>Paul Performed by Ananias Condition Blind</p>	<p>Acts 9:17-18</p>	<p>¹⁷ And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ Immediately there fell from his eyes <i>something</i> like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.</p>
<p>Aeneas Performed by Peter Disease Palsy</p>	<p>Acts 9:33-35</p>	<p>³³ There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. ³⁴ And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.” Then he arose immediately. ³⁵ So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.</p>
<p>Tabitha Performed by Peter Condition Dead</p>	<p>Acts 9:36-42</p>	<p>³⁶ At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. ³⁷ But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid <i>her</i> in an upper room. ³⁸ And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring <i>him</i> not to delay in coming to them. ³⁹ Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought <i>him</i> to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ Then he gave her <i>his</i> hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.</p>

<p>⁸ And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. ⁹ This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, ¹⁰ said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.</p>	<p>Acts 14:8-10</p>	<p>Man Condition Crippled</p>
<p>¹⁹ Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul <i>and</i> dragged <i>him</i> out of the city, supposing him to be dead. ²⁰ However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.</p>	<p>Acts 14:19-20</p>	<p>Paul Performed by Disciples Stoned to death</p>
<p>¹⁶ Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." ¹⁸ And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.</p>	<p>Acts 16:16-18</p>	<p>Girl Performed by Paul Possessed with demons</p>
<p>⁹ And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing <i>him</i> said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him." ¹¹ Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed. ¹² And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted.</p>	<p>Acts 20:9-12</p>	<p>Eutychus Performed by Paul Condition dead</p>
<p>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. ⁹ So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed.</p>	<p>Acts 28:8-9</p>	<p>Father and others Performed by Paul Condition fever & dysentery (inflammat- ory disorder of lower intes- tinal tract.)</p>

The Power to Heal was given to
 Jesus,
 His Disciples,
 And to all that Walk in the Footsteps of Christ

Jesus took infirmities and sickness	Matthew 8:17	¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: <i>“He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses.”</i>
Jesus healed every disease	Matthew 9:35	³⁵ Then 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.
Gave disciples the power to cast of spirits and heal all disease	Matthew 10:1	1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to <i>Him</i> , He gave them power <i>over</i> unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.
Heal sick, cleanse lepers raise dead, cast out devils	Matthew 10:7-8	⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

<p>² And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples ³ and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”</p> <p>⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵ <i>The</i> blind see and <i>the</i> lame walk; <i>the</i> lepers are cleansed and <i>the</i> deaf hear; <i>the</i> dead are raised up and <i>the</i> poor have the gospel preached to them.</p>	<p>Matthew 11:2-5</p>	<p>Blind see, lame walk, lepers cleaned, deaf hear, dead raised</p>
<p>⁵³ Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there.</p> <p>⁵⁴ When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, “Where did this <i>Man</i> get this wisdom and <i>these</i> mighty works? ⁵⁵ Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶ And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this <i>Man</i> get all these things?” ⁵⁷ So they were offended at Him.</p> <p>But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.” ⁵⁸ Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.</p>	<p>Matthew 13:53-58</p>	<p>Healed only some because of unbelief</p>
<p>¹ Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. ² And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing <i>Him</i> were astonished, saying, “Where <i>did</i> this Man <i>get</i> these things? And what wisdom <i>is</i> this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! ³ Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” So they were offended at Him.</p> <p>⁴ But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.” ⁵ Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed <i>them</i>. ⁶ And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.</p>	<p>Mark 6:1-6</p>	
<p>¹⁴ And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, ¹⁵ “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. ¹⁶ So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”</p>	<p>Matthew 17:14-21</p>	<p>Cast out devils Disciples unbelief</p>

<p>Cast out devils (cont.) Disciples unbelief</p>	<p>Matthew 17:14-21 (cont.)</p>	<p>¹⁷ Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.</p> <p>¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”</p> <p>²⁰ So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for 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. ²¹ However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”</p>
	<p>Mark 9:14-29</p>	<p>¹⁴ And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. ¹⁵ Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to <i>Him</i>, greeted Him. ¹⁶ And He asked the scribes, “What are you discussing with them?” ¹⁷ Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸ And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.” ¹⁹ He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.” ²⁰ Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?”</p> <p>And he said, “From childhood. ²² And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³ Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things <i>are</i> possible to him who believes.” ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!” ²⁶ Then <i>the spirit</i> cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹ So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”</p>

<p>38 Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, “Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child. 39 And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams <i>at the mouth</i>; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him. 40 So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.”</p> <p>41 Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” 42 And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed <i>him</i>. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.</p> <p>43 And they were all amazed at the majesty of God. But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples,</p>	<p>Luke 9:38-43</p>	<p>Cast out devils Disciples unbelief</p>
<p>18 Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. 19 And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, “Let no fruit grow on you ever again.” Immediately the fig tree withered away.</p> <p>20 And when the disciples saw <i>it</i>, they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither away so soon?”</p> <p>21 So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done. 22 And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”</p>	<p>Matthew 21:18-22</p>	<p>Fig tree withered away immediately</p> <p>Authority you have to move a mountain.</p>
<p>12 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. 13 And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 In response Jesus said to it, “Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.” And His disciples heard <i>it</i>.</p>	<p>Mark 11:12-14;</p>	
<p>20 Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.” 22 So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God.</p>	<p>Mark 11: 20-24</p>	<p>Fig tree dried up to its roots the next day.</p>

<p>Fig tree dried up to its roots the next day. Authority you have to move a mountain.</p>	<p>Mark 11: 20-24 (cont.)</p>	<p>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 be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴ Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive <i>them</i>, and you will have <i>them</i>.</p>
<p>Gave power to heal and cast out devils</p>	<p>Mark 3:14-15</p>	<p>¹⁴ Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, ¹⁵ and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:</p>
<p>Healing everywhere</p>	<p>Luke 9:1-2; 6</p>	<p>¹ Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. ² He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ⁶ So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.</p>
<p>When you plant the seeds of the Kingdom, it always produces fruit. We might not see the seed or the fruit but it will grow by God’s hand. When you pray or touch someone, you are imparting the Kingdom to them.</p>	<p>Mark 4:26-32</p>	<p>²⁶ And He said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. ²⁸ For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.” ³⁰ Then He said, “To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; ³² but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade.”</p>
	<p>Luke 10:9</p>	<p>⁹ And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’</p>

<p>¹⁸ And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 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.</p>	<p>Luke 10:18-19</p>	<p>God has given you all power and authority to overcome every enemy.</p>
<p>¹² And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon’s Porch.</p>	<p>Acts 5:12</p>	<p>Many signs and wonders performed by the apostles.</p>
<p>¹⁵ so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid <i>them</i> on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.</p>	<p>Acts 5:15-16</p>	<p>Peter’s shadow healed the sick and cast out demons.</p>
<p>⁸ And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.</p>	<p>Acts 6:8</p>	<p>Stephen performed great wonders and miracles.</p>
<p>⁶ And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.</p>	<p>Acts 8:6-7</p>	<p>Philip performed miracles, healing and cast out demons.</p>

<p>Simon was a witness to the miracles and signs that Philip did.</p>	<p>Acts 8:13</p>	<p>¹³ Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.</p>
<p>Jesus healed all that were oppressed of the devil.</p>	<p>Acts 10:38</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Paul's handkerchief and apron healed and cast out evil spirits.</p>	<p>Acts 19:11-12</p>	<p>¹¹ Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² 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.</p>

Study Assignment Answers 1

Answer these questions for yourself to help you lock in the knowledge gained. We suggest you also ask the Holy Spirit to imprint on your heart what is most important for your life from this study.

What is reconciliation?

Reconciliation reveals the effect of Jesus, as the perfect Lamb of God, offering His blood to cleanse away all our sins; past, present and future. It also includes restoration to a position of divine favor with God. God declares us completely righteous when we put our trust in the redeeming work of Christ.

How is reconciliation achieved for each of us?

Reconciliation was accomplished for each one of us as Jesus Christ shed His blood on the cross at Calvary. He became sin so that we could be forgiven and be given His righteousness.

How has God provided healing for us?

By the stripes Jesus bore on His back. He was afflicted with sickness, disease, infirmities and destructions of the body. He was afflicted by man. A man flung the lashes at Him, not God. Why? Because it was man's sin that brought sickness and death into the world. So everything that afflicts and tears the flesh and breaks the bones of every man who ever lived was put on Jesus. He paid the price for our healing as He carried the weight of all this destruction to the cross.

Why did Jesus emphasize forgiving sins of people who came to Him for healing?

Forgiveness of sin and healing are linked. Sickness came into the world because of sin. So the forgiveness of sin cancels the power behind sickness. When Jesus declared a man healed by faith, He was also declaring that man forgiven of sin.

What is important about the Greek word "sozo"?

The word "sozo" reveals the truth that salvation includes everything Jesus paid for on the way to the cross and on the cross; salvation to Heaven, deliverance from demons and healing of our bodies till they are made whole.

Study Assignment Answers 2

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Why does the church believe healing is not God's will?

The simplest answer is that there have been centuries of failure to pray through for healing. And man has reasoned himself out of faith in God's word. Now there is a mountain of resistance to faith in God's word to heal. It takes persistence in the prayer of faith to overcome. But Jesus is our victory, if we will contend for His will on the earth.

What do the teachings and actions of Jesus show us about God's will to heal?

Matthew 21:22, "...believing, ye shall receive." According to Acts 10:38 He knew what God anointed Him with power and the Holy Spirit to do. So everywhere He went He healed the sick, cast out devils and destroyed the works of the devil. No one who ever came to Him for healing left with their disease. He always healed the sick. That demonstrates to us that healing is God's will for us today, because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.

What other evidence is there that healing is God's will?

When the church believes that sickness is from the devil and it is always God's will to heal then healing ministry bears good fruit and increases in that church. When they believe is not God's will, healing does not happen, except in rare cases. God answers faith. So when faith for healing is there, it happens. This is clear evidence that it is still God's will to heal today.

When we pray for the sick, what is necessary for them to be healed?

Faith. **Matthew 21:22, "...believing, ye shall receive."**

Study Assignment Answers 3

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Who did God give authority over the earth to and when?

Man - after the creation of the earth and before the sin of man in the Garden of Eden. See Genesis 1:26-28.

Who has legal authority over the earth today and how was it gained?

Man. It was gained when Christ, as the Son of Man, allowed the sins of all mankind to be put upon Him as He was crucified for our sins, though He had no sin. 2 Corinthians 5:21. He, as a man, gained the right to be given the authority of the earth by God the Father. Thus, He had the legal right to give that authority back to man. Matthew 28:18-20.

Where does the power to heal come from?

The Spirit of God. Acts 10:38; 1:8. Jesus did no miracles nor healed anyone in public until after He was baptized and the Holy Spirit came upon Him and remained. John 1:32, 33. The disciples healed under the authority and power of Jesus while He was alive. But they did not heal anyone again until after they were baptized in the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. What was true for Jesus as the Son of Man is true for His followers, as well.

Through whom does the power to heal flow through today?

Believers. We are to be God's representatives on the earth. Mark 16:18, 2 Corinthians 5:20

How does condemnation prevent a believer from receiving the promises?

It nullifies our trust in God. We believe we are not able to receive anything from God unless we perform well. We fail to understand that Christ gives us His righteousness as we trust His finished work on the cross. Therefore, there is no faith, so we receive no promises. Romans 8:1, 1 John 3:21.

What is God's answer to condemnation?

Love. Because of love God sent Jesus, Who knew no sin, to become sin for us. He then gave us His righteousness so He could bring us to our Heavenly Father to find out He loves us and receives us as His children, now. 2 Corinthians 5:18-21, John 1:12.

Study Assignment Answers 4

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What element is required for healing to occur?

Faith. The prayer of faith will heal (save) the sick.

Where do we find this required element?

It comes through the word of God. But for healing to occur we must find it in the heart of someone who will pray in faith. It can be in the person seeking healing. It can be in the one who comes to pray for the sick person. In some cases it was not in the one needing to be healed nor was it in the one who was helping them, it was in Jesus, who was many kilometers away. But His faith was enough.

How does healing occur?

It can occur in many different ways. We should not limit the Holy Spirit. Jesus ministered healing in several ways. He spat on one man's eyes, He laid hands on Peter's mother-in-law, He spoke and a synagogue leaders' daughter was healed in another town. We have received healing through words of knowledge, through prophecy, by speaking a word in faith, by repentance and through reading the word of God.

What effect can tradition have on the word of God?

Mark 7:13 reveals to us that tradition can render the word of God of no effect. In Galatians 5:4 Paul declares that Christ (the Word of God) is of no effect to you who are justified by the law. Faith in God's word alone brings the justification of Grace which Christ paid to pour upon us who believe. The traditions of men lead men to think they can earn salvation by observing laws and rituals. Let's not replace real faith with empty religious traditions.

How can persistence overcome resistance in your life?

Through intercession, prayer and fasting; through preaching and teaching and through doing the will of God; we, thereby, ask and keep on asking, seek and keep on seeking and knock and keep on knocking. Those who do these things are the ones who receive, find and have the door opened to them. So let us be as Paul exhorts us; steadfast in faith, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Our labor will not be in vain, for faith will receive what it declares.

Study Assignment Answers 5

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What is the truth you see so emphasized on page 32?

Galatians 4:7 . . . thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

As a born again believer you are a son or daughter of God. You are a new creation and reconciled back to your Father in Heaven. You have a place in His heart that no one can take from you. You are an heir together with Christ. Jesus shares everything He has a right to with you. This is your reality of security in Christ with the Father. But you must choose to believe it and live in this reality or live in the past. The choice is yours.

When symptoms of sickness appear, what difference do your words make?

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Be careful what you say. Declare God's word of life when sickness tries to come on you and you can remain in health. If you are ill, declare God's word of healing and as your words agree with God's will, His will manifests in the earth (your body).

How are men led to repentance?

The goodness of God leads us to repentance. When men see that it is God's will for them to be saved, healed and free, it helps them know that God is good. God's will is always good and always comes out of His love and wisdom. When men learn this, they realize they can trust Him and begin to desire to know Him.

What does planting seeds mean?

Planting seeds means, doing deeds of love toward others that show them the love and goodness of God. Every time you pray for someone you are planting a love seed of the kingdom in the soil of their heart. Seeds grow without our help. You don't need to try to make it grow. You might be used to water it or fertilize it or harvest the ripe fruit. But you do not need to worry over it. Trust God to do what only He can.