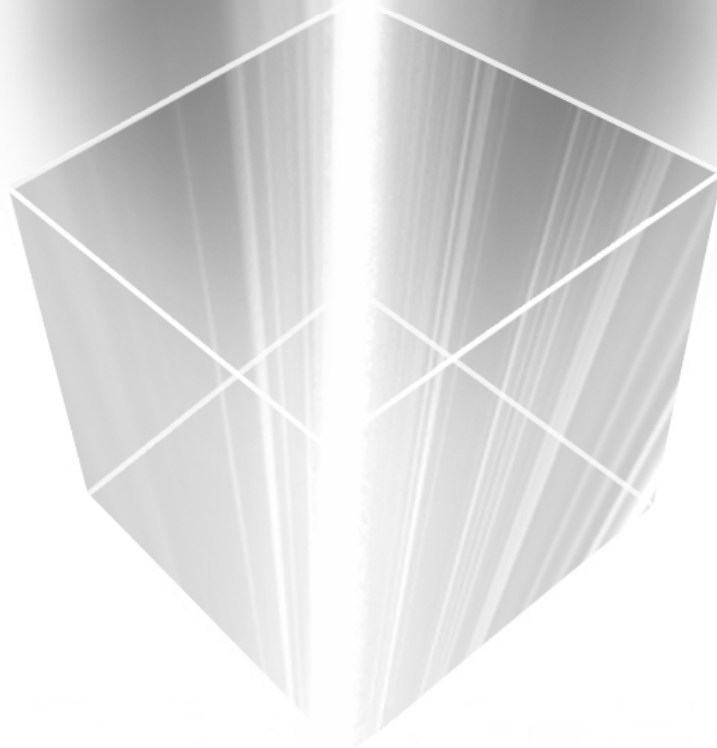


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Chapter 1

The Name Above All Names

*“For this reason also, God highly exalted Him,
and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow,
of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and that every tongue will confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. “*

*Philippians 2:9-11
(NASB)*

*“Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion,
and every name that is named, not only in this world,
but also in that which is to come:”*

*Ephesians 1:21
(KJV)*

The Name Above All Names

If you look closely at the Bible you will see that the entire world was spoken into existence with words. Words are very powerful tools used by God and given to us by Him.

Notice in Genesis 1:3 (NASB) "Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light." God called something "light" and it came into existence.

In Eph 1:21 (NASB) we are told that the name of Jesus is "far above...every name that is named, not only in this age but also the one to come." That means that everything that has a name, whether it be a person, an animal, a thing, a sickness or disease, whatever it is, if it has a name that it can be called by it is subject to the will of Jesus.

There is POWER in the name of Jesus. Look at John 17:11-12 (NIV) "...Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me." God gave Jesus His name and with it the power to keep us safe.

What kind of power is in the name? Look at the following verses:

"And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

Mark 16:17-18 (NIV)

"In that day you will not question Me about anything Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. "Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.""

John 16:23-24 (NASB)

Jesus says:

- In MY name they will drive out demons!
- In MY name they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well!
- In MY name you can ask for anything and you will receive it from the Father!

The Word of God declares, "I, the Lord, do not change" (Malachi 3:6 NASB) and, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8 NASB).

Jesus told us we would do the things He did and even greater (John 14:12). We must be like Jesus – preaching the same Gospel of hope and deliverance to a lost and dying world and showing His mercy and grace in tangible ways. We must be His body in this present world.

Chapter 2

Just What Is Healing & Is It For Everyone?

*"Is anyone among you sick?
Then he must call for the elders
of the church and they are to pray over him,
anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;
and the prayer offered in faith
will restore the one who is sick,
and the Lord will raise him up,
and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him."*

*James 5:14-15
(NASB)*

*"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body
on the tree, that we, being dead to sins,
should live unto righteousness:
by whose stripes ye were healed."*

*1 Peter 2:24
(KJV)*

Just What Is Healing & Is It For Everyone?

Just what is healing? According to the Webster's New World Dictionary, Third College Edition, it means 1 to make sound, well or healthy again; restore to health [heal the sick] 2 a) to cure or get rid of (a disease) b) to cause (a wound, sore, etc.) to become closed or scarred so as to restore a healthy condition 3 to free from grief, troubles, evil, etc. 4 a) to remedy or get rid of (grief, troubles, etc.) b) to make up (a breach, differences, etc.); reconcile.

Let's follow this through. Many people struggle for years to "feel" saved and yet feel nothing. They finally get to the point, either by God's inspiration or the words of another Christian, that they accept God's forgiveness, by faith. That is the time when a peaceful rest comes upon them and they have an assurance that they are truly a Christian.

Later another struggle usually presents itself. Many Christians may struggle with this one for years. They read books, fast, pray, agonize, get prayed over by the "best" in Christianity, attend meetings; all with no results. They are seeking to experience the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit just as they sought salvation, the WRONG way! Just as we receive the forgiveness of sins as a gift from our Savior, BY FAITH, so too can we receive the same full blessing that the disciples received from the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, again BY FAITH. BY FAITH we can say, "Thank you Jesus! I have it NOW!" They don't necessarily feel anything different, but by FAITH they know they have received it and for most that is good enough at first. First comes FAITH, later come the feelings.

But, by far, the hardest struggle of all comes when we try to apply the same laws of FAITH in the area of physical healing. How can we claim they are "healed" when the painful symptoms still persist? Isn't it hypocrisy to say, "By His stripes you are healed" when nothing appears to change in their physical condition? For years I have studied the Word of God and read the published works of "spiritual giants", men and women of God who have been used to bring healing to thousands. I can truly say I have biblical grounds to believe I am healed just as strong as I do to believe I am saved. If I can be saved by faith alone, I can be healed by simple faith alone. This faith is simply an inner settling; a KNOWING that it is God's will to heal me.

Does God want to save everyone? There is no doubt of this in most Christian's hearts. John 3:16 says, "...whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." The word "whoever" makes the promise universal. It means EVERYBODY!

There are several very specific verses of scripture that clearly show that God promises healing to EVERYBODY who believes just as He promises salvation to ALL who believe. Among them the following:

"Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him."

James 5:14-15
(NASB)

The word ANYONE means EVERYONE was invited to be healed just as "Whosoever" in John 3:16 invites ALL to believe on Jesus and be saved.

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

1 Peter 2:24
(KJV)

The stripes mentioned here were the brutal lashings upon Jesus' back made by Roman whips. Thirty nine stripes was the traditional punishment for a condemned prisoner. According to scripture, these stripes Christ endured were suffered for our healing (1 Peter 2:24).

Sometimes when someone gets a terminal sickness or disease our faith levels plummet. They may seem to be severely shaken, even to their core.

Though you may know that God is all-powerful, YOUR situation looks so hopeless that you start doubting whether or not God can really deliver YOU out of such a dire and hopeless situation. You are so overwhelmed by the hopelessness of the situation that you start forgetting how powerful God really is and that He does have the supernatural power to FULLY heal you, no matter how grave the situation may appear to YOUR natural thoughts.

"For nothing is impossible with God."

Luke 1:37
(NIV)

Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Luke 18:27
(NIV)

If you are suffering from any sickness, here is the good news for you . . . today! Healing is for today! God is the same today, as He was yesterday as He will be forever!

He heals all who believe today because He bore OUR (everyone's) sicknesses. Jesus suffered your sicknesses and carried your diseases away! Take your healing by faith by putting your name in any one of the above verses that tell us our sins are forgiven and our sicknesses have been healed. This means our healing will surely come as we hold steady in our confession of faith until we see "the mountain cast into the sea." God gives by promise; we must receive by faith.

Chapter 3

Does He Want To?

*Most people believe God could heal them,
the question they have is....Does He Want To?*

*“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.”
Then Jesus, moved with compassion,
stretched out His hand and touched him,
and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.””*

*Mark 1:40-42
(NKJV)*

What Does the Bible Say Concerning God's Will In Healing the Sick?

Many people are convinced that God has the *POWER* and *ABILITY* to heal. What they doubt is His *WILLINGNESS*. That's why you often hear the phrase, "...if it be your will."

What does God say about this? Let's look at the following scriptures...

"...I am the LORD who heals you."

Exodus 15:26
(NKJV)

"...I am willing; be cleansed."

Mark 1:42
(NKJV)

Because mankind sinned and through that sin brought separation from fellowship with God He sent Jesus to endure the sufferings and brutal execution on the cross. Jesus did this in our place, as our substitute so that we (as well as all mankind) could have a "bridge" back to our relationship with God. "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV).

Jesus purchased us with a price. He not only purchased the "salvation" of our soul, but also secured our physical healing.

"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."

James 5:14-15
(NASB)

The most amazing thing about Jesus' ministry here on Earth, is that He never refused to heal anyone. He never turned away and said that it wasn't God's will to heal a certain person. He never once said that a certain sick person needed to be sick, so that he could learn some spiritual truths. He never once said to a sick person that he would be eventually healed when he got to heaven. Never once!

Healing was a priority in His ministry. Jesus' message of salvation went hand in hand with His ministry of healing. When the religious authorities of His day opposed Jesus' healing ministry, He continued to heal people that were brought to Him. He never used restraint in His healing ministry.

Look at Mat 14:36. It states that when the sick were allowed to just touch the edge of His coat (or outer garment), "...all who touched it were healed."

Notice the word "all". Jesus did not play favorites. You didn't need to join His Church, you didn't need to make a donation to be prayed for, you didn't have to ask in just the right way and you didn't need to be living, what others would judge, a "good" life. **He healed all the sick.**

Jesus was always willing to heal. In Luke 4:40 (NASB) we read, "When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying His hands on each one, He healed them."

Have you notice that the gospels like to stress the word "all" when referring to Jesus' healings? Notice in the following texts:

"And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all."

Luke 6:19
(NASB)

"You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

Acts 10:38
(NASB)

"Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people."

Mat 4:23
(NASB)

Jesus' healing power was not reserved for only Himself. He clearly gave authority to His disciples to heal others.

"Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

Mat 10:1
(NASB)

In Luke we see this healing power was not reserved for just the apostles.

"Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" ... "and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you. ""

Luke 10:1-2, 9
(NASB)

This healing power was also later given to all believers.

"These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Mark 16:17-18
(NASB)

What's more, healing power was not even reserved for just those who followed Jesus...

*"John said to Him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we tried to hinder him because he was not following us."
But Jesus said, "Do not hinder him, for there is no one who shall perform a miracle in My name, and be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me."
For he who is not against us is for us."*

Mark 9:38-40
(NASB)

As the Bible clearly shows, even after Jesus had risen and was taken back to heaven, His disciples continued His healing ministry. Jesus' directives to us are clear; His healing ministry must continue!

"...to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them. Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed."

Acts 5:15-16
(NASB)

Most of those that encountered Jesus assumed that He wanted to heal them. Only one man questioned Jesus' willingness. That man was a leper.

*"And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed."
And immediately his leprosy was cleansed."*

Mat 8:2-3
(NASB)

Is Jesus willing to heal you? **"I am willing."** Case closed.

There is also another word used, "Will." The use of "will" in reference to healing is further evidence that God wants to heal. Notice that word is used regarding salvation, as well as healing.

'And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.'

Acts 2:21
(NASB)

"These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Mark 16:18
(NASB)

"Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him."

James 5:14-15
(NASB)

Do you need any further evidence? God is willing to heal us. Jesus died on Calvary so that you could walk in perfect, divine health.

“...and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”

*1 Peter 2:24
(NASB)*

Did you also notice the use of the word “were?” This means that it is a done deal; it is finished and already paid for. There is no question about your healing, “YOU WERE HEALED!” It’s already there; all you need do is claim it and accept it.

We know that from history, many people derived their names by what they did for a living. For instance, those named “Smith” came from generations of blacksmiths. It was a good way for a person to advertise their trade, “I’m Samuel the Smith.”

Similarly, God identifies His own name by what He does. In Exodus 15:26, God says that His name is JEHOVAH RAHPA, or “I am the LORD that heals you.”

Think of it! God says that His name is “The Lord that heals you!” How could God reveal His will more clearly than to give himself a name that says He heals you? Not only is it His will, it’s His name - it’s who He is and what He does!

Chapter 4

An Issue of Blood (A Hopeless Case Healed)

*In the crowd was a woman
who had been bleeding for twelve years.
She had gone to many doctors,
and they had not done anything
except cause her a lot of pain.
She had paid them all the money she had.
But instead of getting better, she only got worse.
The woman had heard about Jesus,
so she came up behind him in the crowd
and barely touched his clothes.
She had said to herself,
"If I can just touch his clothes, I will get well."
As soon as she touched them,
her bleeding stopped, and she knew she was well.*

*Mark 5:25-29
(CEV)*

*The following has been adapted from a presentation given
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great signs and wonders confirming the Word.*

An Issue of Blood (A Hopeless Case Healed)

There are always people who disqualify themselves to receive blessing from God. They say, “Well, God doesn’t bother about me”, “I’m too insignificant”, “I’m too sinful”, or “I’m too...” this that or the other and they disqualify themselves. Some think they are so great sinners that God will not forgive them. Others say, “Well I’ve done all my life without God, I’m sure He doesn’t want me to come to Him today.” There are people who say, and I’m talking about Christians now, “I believe that God wants to heal, but I’m beyond it”, “My case is not hard enough” or “My case is too hard.” You can find both extremes, “It’s too insignificant that God doesn’t bother about that” or “I’m too sick and I’m beyond repair.” Do you know what happens when we do or say that? We build obstacles for God to touch us. That is what is called UNbelief.

Now, Jesus says, “All things”, Did you hear the ALL? “All things are possible to those that believe.” You say, “But what about my case?” The same thing applies to your case as well. ALL things are possible to those that believe.

Talking about hopeless cases is quite a subject, but if there was ever a “hopeless case” this woman qualifies. The woman we read about in the opening verse. I’ll give you four reasons the Bible gives us, why she was a hopeless case.

1. The Bible says she suffered for twelve years.

Now most, if not all of us, know, by experience, what it is like to be sick. It may last a short time. It’s usually a day or so. But most of the things come and go. They may last a few days and your body recuperates and you’re over it. You’ve been sick all right, but it’s for a short time. Now, if you’re sick for a month that’s really long. You may miss a day or two at work, but if you’re gone for a month, that’s a long time. If you’re sick for six months, people start to wonder. They won’t tell you, but they do. Now if your disease lasts for a year, they are sure about you. They don’t tell you, but that’s what they think. If you’re disease hangs on for two years they wonder why you’re still around. But they know one thing; you’re not going to get better, ever! This woman was not diseased for a week, a year, two years, five years or even ten years, but for twelve years. She was what we call a “hopeless case.”

2. When you can’t get better, you’re body can’t recuperate you may visit a doctor.

A doctor is a specially trained man. What he’s done is he’s been to university and studied. He has studied the human body with all of its functions, all kinds of diseases and all kinds of medications and how they affect the body. He knows a lot. If you go to a doctor, doctors are very wonderful, interesting, strange people. When you go to a doctor he will, you see he’s a clever man, so he will ask you this question. “Have

you had this before?” If you dare to say yes he says, “Well how did you get rid of it the first time?” Clever, you know clever people.

We'll just imagine you say, “I've never had this before.” “Well,” he says, “Alright, undress.” So you undress half way or totally whatever his mood is. So you stand there feeling lost. You never intended that this is going to happen, but it happens. You're not in charge anymore now. And then he puts in his ears a kind of a hearing aid with a long tube and a very cold thing at the end. And he puts it on your skin and says, “Breathe.” You've been doing that all your life. So you start breathing and he says, “Breathe!” You don't know what it's for, but he seems to like it. So he goes all around and pushes this thing all over your body. I don't know what he hears. It must be very interesting. Then he goes into the next procedure and puts his hand on your body and starts to knock. And if you ever lost faith, that's where you lost it. You never knew you were as hollow as that. They do this knocking all over the world. They never get inside, but they keep knocking. They've done so much knocking, and that is clever, by the sound they can tell if certain organs are OK or not. Clever! Now, then he may say, “Uh-huh.” That's an expensive doctor, because the others don't say anything.

So then he goes into the next phase, he starts to write. Don't turn pale, it's not the bill yet, that's later. So he writes; and it's called a prescription. You can't read it, but you have to take it to the pharmacist. The pharmacist is a miracle man. He can read it!! You hope so because your life is at stake you know. So he prepares something, mixes something and shakes something, puts something in a box and writes on it 3X a day, just to keep you happy or something like that. And when you come home the pills are snow white and you swallow the snow white 3X a day. And when the box gets empty you go back to the doctor. The doctor says, “And?” You say, “Just the same.” “Ummm.” He starts writing again. Now you go to the pharmacist, the pills are not white, they're Blue. So you swallow blue for about two weeks. Now you go back to the doctor and he writes again. Now the pills are RED! You know as a Dutchman, Dutch people are very special. As a Dutchman we would start thinking, “I believe the doctor has some shares with the pharmacist.”

What happens is now you decide, you go to another doctor. You get a “Second Opinion.” It costs money, just the same. Now he writes, you swallow and after three days you think, “Oh, wow I feel fine.” It's not like the first doctor is a hopeless case and the second is a genius. It's just means that the second doctor hit the nail on the head and gave the right diagnosis and gave you the right pills, not to cure you, but to help your body to recuperate. But if you go from doctor to doctor to doctor to doctor you become a hopeless case. That's what the Bible says. She visited many doctors.

3. The Bible says now she's not only very sick, but the Bible says she is broke.

“She spent all she had.” ALL that she had.

I tell you, my friends, some people still think, also in your country, that money is it. Money can do anything and when you got the money, you've got it all. My friend it would mean that all rich people are

extremely happy and all the poor are extremely miserable. It's not true! It's not true. I've met a lot of rich people who are very miserable. I've met rich people who are not alive today because they took their own life. And I know some very poor people in parts of the world that are extremely happy. Not because they are poor, but poor or rich doesn't make any difference as far as that's concerned, my friend. It's nice to have some money around, don't misunderstand me, but remember that rich and poor don't make the difference about happiness. Now, whatever she had, she spent all. You know rich people will spend all they have to be healthy again. If you are healthy this morning do you know you are a rich person? You may never think of it because your body just functions. Everything's fine, so what! What's the big thing? You are a rich person! And you better thank God for it. Now twelve years, many doctors and broke. The end, the fourth reason is:

4. The Bible says that in the end she was worse than where she had started from.

I couldn't find any greater, clearer definition of or about complete hopelessness. This lady is losing blood the Bible says, and she was losing more blood every day; more life every day. She was going down the drain and it would happen that one day she would have been too weak to get out of bed and then another day would have arrived later when someone would find her in bed in a pool of blood. Over and Out!

But something happened. She met somebody, somebody talked to her. And you may think I mean Jesus, no, no, not yet, not yet. Somebody, I don't know who it was, I think it was a lady. Somebody somewhere talked to this lady. The Bible simply states that "When she had heard of Jesus." Thank God for people who are talking to hopeless cases about Jesus! My friend we need this city filled with people who talk to hopeless cases about Jesus! They may mock you! But there may be someone whose life is going to be turned around because you talked to them about Jesus. "When she had heard about Jesus." In what way did she hear about Jesus? I don't know, but I can tell you something about it. The conversation wasn't like, "Well, I think you should try Jesus." I can assure you that was not the case. Then her reply would have been, "Well I've tried everything, I might as well try Jesus." But you know she said something quite different so I believe the woman who talked to this hopeless case beamed out some assurance about Jesus Christ who's different. The woman who had no more possibilities and could have said, "I'm a hopeless case, I'm out of it" said instead, "WOW! If I could only touch His clothes..." She didn't say, "I might be" she said "I SHALL BE WHOLE!" That's faith, my friend. Where did the miracle happen? That's where it happened.

That's where the change came on the inside. When she suddenly KNEW, "If I can touch His clothes, I'll be healed." WOW! That's a miracle friend, I like that. God likes it! Faith rising in the midst of hopelessness. And you could see her faith. Her faith was not just a statement of faith. It was an act. She went to Jesus. So she came and knew Jesus was there, but there were a few obstacles. I'll get through them very quickly.

The first obstacle was THE PEOPLE. I'll mention three. I've been in large crusades where I've spoken to fifteen or twenty thousand people and led hundreds of people to Christ. Wonderful to see, mighty miracles, wonderful to see. But every night, I know, there are people who heard the message and did not respond. And they did not come, that's a very sobering thought. And why not? Because, "What will my father say?", "What will my mother say?", "What will my wife say?", "What will my husband say?", "What will my auntie say?", "What will my brother, my sister say?" I tell you my friend, if you want to come to Christ, overcome that obstacle. THE PEOPLE. Forget the people right now if you want to do business with God. Forget them right now! Whatever their opinion, FORGET IT! Go to Christ. Whatever they think, whatever their opinion, you go and reach out to Him.

Another obstacle there was, the second one was THE LAW. Because according to the Levitical Law, you can read that in the Old Testament, because she was losing blood she was considered "unclean." That meant she was restricted in her movement. She couldn't touch people. She surely couldn't go through a crowd. So the Law forbade her to do that. So if she was going to meet Jesus, face to face, in the midst of that crowd she had to realize that if she would ever make it she would stand before Him as a transgressor of the Law. Completely depending on His grace. My friend I hope that's the way you want to come. Don't come to Christ and say, "I'm sure you've noticed me because I notice myself a lot." "I've done a lot of good in my days." "You know if anyone ever earned heaven..." I overdo it, but that is an attitude that many people have. If you think you can twist the arm of God by doing so good works that it stinks, forget it friend, you won't get anywhere. Come to Him with faith depending on Him and on His grace. And His grace is sufficient for you.

There is another obstacle, the third one. When she had to move through a crowd, what do you think HER BODY would tell her? I don't know if you've ever went through a crowd, you know, I don't know. Let me tell you, going through a crowd is extremely tiring. Now look at this woman, frail as anything. Her body would say, "You cannot, you cannot make it."

So those were the obstacles. The obstacle of what would THE PEOPLE say, the obstacle of what THE LAW said and the obstacle of what HER BODY said. It was three times NO! But faith says, "Where there is no way, there I can make a way!" And she did it. She started to move. I'm sure there was a lot of opinion and a lot of protest, but she moved and moved and came close. And I have to figure this out. She came close, I don't know how close, but it had to very close and then she must have been at the end of everything. And she was on her knees and she was at the end of everything. And then, where there is no way, faith finds a way. She saw Jesus pass by and between two or three legs she reached out and touched His clothes! Now she didn't say, "I don't feel anything." It wasn't 2007. She didn't say, "If I touch His clothes and feel electrified, then..." No, she said, "If I may just touch His clothes I shall be..." and she reached out and got hold of His clothes. Just for a moment and let go. And she got up. She didn't feel anything yet, no,

no, the Bible is explicit about that. She didn't. But there was a smile on her face. She said to herself, "I got it!" And she got up and moved away and then the Bible says, "And then she felt in her body...", that's after twelve years going down the drain, she suddenly was healed! My goodness and some people say, "Why do you get so excited?" Well I tell you there is a reason to be excited when you get healed. "If you have such great a faith, why get so excited?" It's because your body registers that it happened. And you suddenly move and jump. Oh, she could have jumped a hole in the sky. But she didn't because of the nature of her complaint. And so she was just inwardly barely able to contain herself. Then something happened that was not on her program. Jesus stopped and the crowd stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched me?" One of the disciples answered, "Guess who." It must have been Peter. He was always number one. Right or wrong, but one. So he says, "What a stupid remark! The whole crowd is pushing you from one side to the other and you say, "Who touched me?" There is a shorter version of it in the King James, but that's compressed to "Who touched me?" He said, "The crowd is pushing you." But Jesus said, "No, no, no, no somebody touched me in a different way. Somebody touched me by faith."

She touched Him with faith and virtue (power) went out of Him and healed her. Now she was scared stiff because Jesus kept looking around saying, "Who touched me?" Then the other disciples said, "Alright, come on. Who touched Him, who did it?" If she had known the right doctrine, she would have prayed for the rapture because there was no way out. What can you do? So she thought, "Oh no, I never asked, I never prayed, I never said, "If it be your will", "If you feel led", nothing, I just got it." She didn't have all the intelligence we have now a days, Ahem. You know, she just got it. And she got scared. She started to tremble, to shake. Not because of the power of God, no the Bible says "fear." And there was no way out

She was scared and there was no way out so she certainly made the right move and went to Jesus, knelt down and told Him the whole truth. She told Him the whole truth and she was sitting there waiting for doom and damnation probably. That's what she feared. And she told Him the whole truth and she was shaking. Then Jesus said something. He said, "Daughter..." and she looked up and she felt, "That sounds alright." She looked into the shining face of Jesus. At last there was somebody, Jesus saw at any rate one in the crowd, who knew and reached out and had it.

He said, "Daughter." He didn't even say He made her whole. Of course He did. He did, but He didn't want to focus on that. He didn't want to say that He healed her. He wanted the people to hear how she got it. He said, "Daughter, your faith has made you whole. Go in peace." Do you know why He stopped her? He was going to give her more; He was going to give her the peace of God. WOW! "Go with the peace of God in your soul." You know I know some people have been marvelously healed and I could tell you long stories about amazing, amazing miracles, but I know some of them who are not following Jesus Christ. You say, "How in the world..." Yeah it happens. It happens. "Oh, they'll lose their healing!" No, God is a lot

better than Christians. Take that home, think about it. We have to improve. Let me tell you my friend, God is so good. He heals the sick, that's what Jesus did. Whether they followed Him or not but He just healed the sick. God shines with His light on people, whether they want Him or not, whether they are nice or not so nice, whether they are good or evil He just shines on them and says, "I love you, I LOVE YOU! Whether you want me or not, but I love you." That's my God, that's what He's like. You know Jesus, Jesus said, "Your faith has made you whole; go with the peace of God."

Chapter 5

The Healing Ministry of Jesus

*"Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited
by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs,
which God did among you through him,
as you yourselves know."*

*Acts 2:22
(NIV)*

*God proved that he sent Jesus by having him openly
work miracles, wonders, and signs among the people.
His ministry was not underground it was not hidden.*

The Healing Ministry of Jesus

Jesus not only came to bring us salvation, He also came to heal us. No one was ever turned away from Jesus. Any sick person who came in contact with Jesus was healed. Depressions were lifted; fevers disappeared, demons thrown out. Jesus cared. He healed anyone who came to Him.

When Jesus was physically present on this Earth He viewed sickness, illness, disease and infirmity as the works of Satan. That was one of the main reasons He came to Earth. 1 John 3:8 (NASB) makes that extremely clear. "...The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to **destroy** the works of the devil." That is why He healed all that came to Him.

According to the Gospels, during Jesus' earthly ministry; there were numerous occasions that persons approached Jesus for healing. More than likely there were hundreds more as the Bible also speaks of miracles too numerous to count, so many that it would fill volumes. (John 21:25) In these recorded instances not once did Jesus turn anyone away or state that it was not His will. This is significant since the Bible is intended to show God's will for man. In one instance, a leper came to Jesus inquiring whether it was His will to heal him. He said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." (Matthew 8:2-3 NASB) After Jesus said that the man's leprosy vanished. It didn't take all day, a week or eventually. It didn't take any time at all, it says it was immediate, in the twinkling of an eye, "...the man's leprosy vanished." Leprosy was the worst disease you could have. Jesus made it abundantly clear, "If you can have it, God can heal it!"

The scriptures confirm repeatedly that Jesus went about "...healing all who were oppressed by the devil..." (Acts 10:38 NASB) It also says, He went to the villages and towns..."healing every sickness and every disease among the people." (Matthew 9:35 KJV)

The Bible tells us that Jesus reveals the Father's heart through word and deed (John 5:17-19; 14:9-11). Therefore, we must conclude that it is the Father's heart to heal us just as Jesus showed us by His words and deeds. Sickness was never in God's original design for man.

Jesus used His healing ministry not only to make people feel good and to bless them, but also to drive home theological points He was trying to teach or at times to even create controversy over points He needed to make to the religious community.

There are examples of this throughout the New Testament. There are a few that appear in John that I would like to highlight. To support Jesus' claim "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12 NASB), John tells how Jesus heals a blind man (John 9). In John 11, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead after claiming "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25 NASB) and in John 5 he shows us that Jesus healed a paralytic and reveals that He is Life-Giver and Judge, thus equal with God (John 5:21-23).

Jesus was among men showing himself to everyone who had eyes to see. The Jews had everything all figured out, so they thought. However, through Jesus, God had become less predictable about whom He would associate with and whom He might heal. With the coming of Jesus, grace is now impossible to calculate or anticipate. Today, we may try to limit God so that He can only work within certain religious affiliations. We need to be careful that we don't find ourselves working against God. Arrogance about one's perceived relationship with God is not just a first-century problem; it is alive and well in the Church even today.

Now I want to share something that may mess with your theology. It is a profound truth that has major implications for you and me. It changes everything. Jesus, although He was 100% God, could NOT heal the sick, raise the dead or deliver people tormented by demons. Before you string me up for heresy, let that sink in for a moment. Jesus did all of His earthly miracles as a flesh and blood man. There is a reason which we will get to in a little while.

Right now I want to let Jesus prove it to you.

*"I tell you the truth; the Son can do nothing by himself;
He can do only what he sees his Father doing,
because whatever the Father does the Son also does."*

John 5:19

(NIV)

In the Greek language the word for 'nothing' is 'oudeis'; pronounced (ü-dā's). It has a very specific and unique meaning -- it means 'NOTHING'. Just like it does in English! This means that Jesus, while He was on the earth, without the help of the Holy Spirit had NO supernatural abilities!

While He is 100% God, He chose to live within the exact same limitations that man would have once He was released from Satan's grip. He said this over and over again. By doing this Jesus became the model for all who follow Him and would embrace the invitation to invade the 'impossible' in His name. He performed miracles, wonders, and signs, only as a man who had a right relationship with God. He did not do these things as God.

To believe anything else is to ignore what Jesus said about Himself. Even more importantly it is to entirely miss the purpose of His self-imposed restriction to live fully as a human being.

If He could only perform miracles because He was God, then we would be unable to attain them. But if He did them as a man, I become responsible to pursue the way He lived, the things He did.

In recapturing this simple truth, everything we ever thought about miracles changes...it makes possible a full restoration of the ministry of Jesus in His Church TODAY!

Chapter 6

Who Or What Is The Holy Spirit & Why Do We (The Church) Ignore Him?

*"Spell this out in capital letters: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON.
He is not enthusiasm. He is not courage. He is not energy.
He is not the personification of all good qualities,
like Jack Frost is the personification of cold weather.
Actually, the Holy Spirit is not the personification of anything...
He has individuality. He is one being and not another.
He has will and intelligence. He has hearing.
He has knowledge and sympathy and ability to love and see and think.
He can hear, speak, desire, grieve and rejoice. He is a Person."*

A. W. Tozer, The Counselor

*"The Holy Spirit, object of faith, is also an object of prayer:
we must not only pray that we receive the Holy Spirit.
We must pray to him."*

Karl Barth, The Faith Of the Church

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A man once commented about how he saw the current condition of many of the mainline churches today: "You'd think the trinity was the Father, Son and Holy Scriptures instead of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." I've never really heard a better description of the Church today.

If we open our Bibles we noticed that the Holy Spirit was present throughout the entire biblical era. The Holy Spirit was present and operative, certainly in the life of Jesus Christ. But my question today is this: "Whatever happened to the Holy Spirit?"

A. W. Tozer said this, "In most Christian churches the Spirit is entirely overlooked. Whether he is present or absent makes no real difference to anyone. Brief reference is made to him in the doxology and the benediction. Further than that, he might as well not exist. So completely do we ignore him that it is only courtesy that we can be called Trinitarian. The idea of the Spirit held by the average church member is so vague as to be nearly nonexistent."

So just who or what is this Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit, Father and Son all comprise a unified Godhead known in Christianity as the "Trinity." I don't have time nor do I think it possible for me to fully explain the Trinity. This one point has consumed the writings and opinions of the world's greatest Biblical scholars and Theologians for centuries. The Bible says it is a mystery and this is one of the few things in life that I just accept. Some of the mysteries of God are way beyond our human ability to fully explain or even comprehend. A very simplistic explanation is that while each "personage" is distinct in function, each one shares together in the same deity and each one reflects the divine attributes of the One living God. The Trinity has also been referred to by some as "the three in one".

To put it bluntly, the Truth about the Holy Spirit is perhaps the most watered down truth in all the "Church" today. In many traditions and much of the practice of mainline churches, the Holy Spirit is totally ignored. The Church has reduced the Holy Spirit to a vague, impersonal, unthinking, ethereal life force.

I tell you He is much more than that! The Holy Spirit is a "person" equal in every way with God, the Father, and God, the Son. Throughout its pages the Bible tells us that every characteristic of God shown in the Father and the Son are equally apparent in the Holy Spirit.

The following pages contain a list of characteristics of The Holy Spirit and the corresponding scripture verse that references it:

The Holy Spirit has Characteristics of Personality:

- 📖 *The Holy Spirit has a Mind* _____ *Romans 8:27*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit Testifies of Christ* _____ *John 15:26*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit has an Intellect and Will* _____ *1 Corinthians 2:11*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit has Emotion as represented by the Capacity to Love* _____ *Romans 15:30*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit Convicts* _____ *John 16:8*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit Bears Witness* _____ *Romans 8:16*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit can have Fellowship with us* _____ *2 Corinthians 13:14*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit Forbids* _____ *Acts 16:6-7*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit can be Lied to* _____ *Acts 5:3*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit can be Resisted* _____ *Acts 7:51*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit can be Grieved* _____ *Isa 63:10; Eph 4:30*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit can be Blasphemed* _____ *Matthew 12:31-32*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit Speaks* _____ *Acts 8:29; Acts 10:19-20*

The Holy Spirit has all the Characteristics of God

- 📖 *The Holy Spirit is Eternal* _____ *Hebrews 9:14*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit is All-Knowing* _____ *1 Corinthians 2:11*
- 📖 *The Spirit of God Creates* _____ *Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit Sanctifies* _____ *Romans 15:16*

The Holy Spirit also has Specific Roles and Functions in our lives:

- 📖 *The Spirit of Truth is our Guide and Reveals Truth* _____ *John 16:13*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit is our Counselor and Teacher* _____ *John 14:26*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit Lives inside us* _____ *1 Corinthians 3:16*

The Holy Spirit Provides for our Needs:

- 📖 *The Holy Spirit is where our Power comes from* _____ *Acts 1:8*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit is where our Direction comes from* _____ *Luke 4:1; Romans 8:14*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit Intercedes for us in times of weakness and prayer* _____ *Romans 8:26*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit Gives us the Ability to Speak in Languages we don't know* _____ *Acts 2:4*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit Strengthens and Encourages* _____ *Acts 9:31*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit Comforts* _____ *John 14:16*
- 📖 *The Holy Spirit Heals* _____ *Luke 5:17*

Divine Works of the Holy Spirit

The divine works of the Holy Spirit are revealed in the following verses of Scripture:

The Holy Spirit Shared in Creation

Genesis 1:2-3 (NLT)

The earth was empty, a formless mass cloaked in darkness. And the Spirit of God was hovering over its surface. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

The Holy Spirit Raised Jesus from the Dead

Romans 8:11 (NLT)

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as He raised Christ from the dead, He will give life to your mortal body by this same Spirit living within you.

The Holy Spirit Places Believers into Christ's Body

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NIV)

For we were all baptized by One Spirit into One body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the One Spirit to drink.

John 3:5 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit."

The Holy Spirit Proceeds from the Father

John 15:26 (NIV)

[Jesus Speaking] When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about me.

The Holy Spirit Proceeds from Christ

John 16:7 (NIV)

[Jesus Speaking] But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

The Holy Spirit Gives Divine Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (NIV)

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He gives them to each one, just as He determines.

There is a great misconception in most churches that the Holy Spirit is not a person.

When we say that the Holy Spirit is a person, we do not mean that He has a body of flesh and bones; that His first name is Holy and His last name is Spirit. Rather, the Holy Spirit has personhood in that He is self aware, has a will, and can speak.

If the Holy Spirit is only a force, then how can He be lied to? How can a force have a will, or be able to love, or speak, or be insulted? Clearly the Bible demonstrates that the Holy Spirit is alive and has attributes of life, self awareness, and a will and is not a mere force.

As you can see from the above references The Holy Spirit, like Jesus, has all the attributes of both God and humans. In every way, 100% God, but also able to relate to us 100% on a human level.

A.W. Tozer in his book, The Counselor, puts it this way:

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And Karl Barth, one of today's foremost Christian authors, says in his book, The Faith Of the Church:

"The Holy Spirit, object of faith, is also an object of prayer: we must not only pray that we receive the Holy Spirit. We must pray to him."

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The following verse gives a beautiful picture of the Trinity in the Bible:

Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV)

As soon as Jesus (the Son) was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God (the Holy Spirit) descending like a dove and lighting on Him. And a voice from heaven (the Father) said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

All three in the same place, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, at the same time yet the Bible makes it clear they are all one God, inseparable; each is fully God and fully indwells each other.

The Bible also makes reference numerous times to the three and that they are all to be treated equally.

Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

John 14:16-17 (NIV)

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Why do we ignore Him?

As believers we need to sit up and take note. We Can Not continue to ignore the Holy Spirit. Yes He is at times silent, works behind the scenes, is often overlooked, and is definitely taken for granted, but make no mistake about it He is very powerful.

One of the most grievous things that we can endure is to be totally ignored. You know how it is when you are around a group of people and they act as if you don't even exist. The Holy Spirit is no different. How grieved He must be, for being ignored has been His lot not for days or years, but for many centuries! The very one who has been referred to as the "Indweller of the believer", the "Anointer of the anointed", the "Power of the pulpit" and the "Fullness of power for the believer", continues to go about His work with very little or no acknowledgment or attention at all.

Few sermons are preached about Him, fewer books are written of Him; yet He quietly continues to offer us leadership, comfort, wisdom, strength, teaching and power. But know this, if we ignore the Spirit for too long He will withdraw.

Christians, all of us, have too often ignored the Holy Spirit. And when we do, He withdraws and we miss out on so much of what has been made available to us. Most mainline denominations are much more comfortable talking about Jesus and God than about the Holy Spirit.

There is a growing body of discontented people outside these walls. They do not come to church because they do not feel welcome. There is a coldness or deadness to many congregations that actually drives visitors away. I believe it is this ignorance concerning the Holy Spirit that is the root cause of the coldness and deadness in many congregations today.

We must invite Him in and welcome Him as an equal part of the Godhead. If we recognize Him as that part of God living in us then He will infuse us with Godly life, taking away the spiritual darkness and replacing it with light and life that will attract the masses of people who do not know Him. If the church (lower case 'c') does not understand and refuses to acknowledge the part the Holy Spirit plays, then the Church (upper case 'C') will never be what God intends for it to be and the world will continue to slip away into a Godless abyss.

Chapter 7

How Can I Pray For Others?

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How **not** to pray for others: We must not use prayer to force our will upon others. We should not pray for the needs of others if we are not willing to help them in whatever way we are able. Our prayer also should not be of such a general nature that it has no particular focus.

- Remember, Jesus himself urges us to pray for others.
- Praying for others means that we identify ourselves with their needs.
- If we are to pray for them with power, we need to place ourselves in their situation, feel as they feel, and experience a soul-oneness with them.
- Intercessory prayer stands or falls **only** with the character and power of God.
- We must be willing to be used to answer our prayer.
- In winning others to Christ, prayer is a tremendous force.
- Our motives must be unselfish.
- We must be moved by love for others and a compassionate caring that makes us willing to accept their standing before God as our concern.
- One Very Important thing to remember is to ask the person coming for prayer if they would like to be healed. You do not force Divine healing on people. Also be sure to get their permission before you touch them in any way. Some people do not like to be touched by anybody for any reason.

**One condition of successful prayer must never be forgotten.
We must believe that God is, and that He is the rewarder
of them that diligently seek Him.**

The people coming here tonight are diligently seeking Him. They are looking for God to encounter them as Jehovah Rapha, "The Lord Who Heals You". **In order for that to happen we cannot just "hope", WE MUST BELIEVE that He is here and that He will be present to heal them.** Our attitudes are every bit as important as the attitudes of those who are coming to petition God for His healing touch this evening.

God cares for us as whole people, not just certain parts. Healing comes in many forms, so people may come for prayer concerning any area of their life. Although prayers for physical hurts and diseases are common, so also are prayers for emotional pains of the present and the past, as well as requests for spiritual needs. Be sensitive to what they may need at the time.

We all need to pray that God will help us be in tune with His Spirit during this event and that He would help the people receive what they need from Him on this evening.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Tim

Chapter 8

The Five Steps To Healing Prayer (one model)

This is only one method of helping you get started and be in tune with what God is wanting to do through you.

*God can heal in any way He wants!
He doesn't limit Himself to just one way of healing people.*

Why should you?

The Five Steps To Healing Prayer (one model)

Remember, our prayers cannot heal us, the amount of prayer we say cannot heal us and even fasting cannot heal us. Only Jesus can! However, we can pray and fast to be in communication with God so the lines of communication are open and we know how to proceed, to know His will. Without His guidance, we cannot do anything!

If you remember in Mark 9:15-30 and Matthew 17:15-20 the Gospel records the story of a young man possessed by a demon. Jesus' disciples were unable to rebuke the evil spirit who was in that young man. There were two replies Jesus gave as to why that happened. When they came to Him later and asked why they were unable to drive out the spirit, Jesus attributed it to the fact they had so little faith and also He replied that this kind can only come forth by prayer and fasting. Too often we rely on magic formulas for healing. This will never work! Only total dependence and seeking guidance from God will produce the results we are looking for.

Now after just stating that there are no magic formulas I want to make clear that there are some practical steps to healing; things which aid the process. I will present five steps here that we have found to be helpful in helping us and the person coming to God feel a little more comfortable and confident in the process.

STEP ONE: THE INTRODUCTION

This is where we introduce ourselves and ask a few questions. It is here that we answer the question, "Where does it hurt?" You can start by asking something as simple as, "What would you like us to pray for this evening?" This is not a medical evaluation; it is just a general, couple minute long dialogue to determine what the person would like God to do for them. It may not even be a physical ailment that has brought them to seek a "healing."

STEP TWO: IDENTIFICATION & CLARIFICATION

This is where we attempt to determine the root of the person's problem. It is here that we answer the question, "Why does this person have this condition?" Believe it or not the majority of people you pray for will not know the true root of their problem. You need to listen to the person and to what God may be telling you on a supernatural or spiritual level. While you are listening to the person start silently asking God for insight into the actual cause of the problem they are presenting. Ask questions of the person if it helps. Not everything needs to come from supernatural revelation from God, but some things might.

Sometimes symptoms like lower back pain can indicate deeper relationship issues. I know from personal experience that I have come for healing of back pain with no results. Later I discovered I had some hidden issues in my relationship with my mother that once I let go of healing came quickly. Sometimes physical healing of an individual requires healing in other areas of their life first. Root causes can be very complex and hard to get to, especially if they are caused by problems in several areas of our life at one time.

The Holy Spirit is both our doctor and at the same time the “cure.” We do not need to know all the details for Him to be present to heal. When you look into the scriptures you will find that neither Jesus nor His disciples “interrogated” anyone before they healed them.

STEP THREE: HOW TO PRAY: LISTENING TO GOD’S INSTRUCTIONS

There are many different kinds of prayer. Many types of tools God gives us to use. Some of them are Prayers of Petition, Prayers of Intercession & Words of Commanding (Jesus told us to speak to the mountain...)

We need to remember it is not our responsibility to heal the person before us. Only God through His Holy Spirit can heal. It is His responsibility! That is one of the secrets of healing prayer. It comes from God having already touched our spirit and causing us to agree with Him about His will for this person. It is the Holy Spirit that is present for healing. He comes on us and shows us the Father’s will for this person and He also comes upon the person for whom we are praying and brings healing to them.

The healing prayers we speak are usually of two kinds. Those directed toward God are us asking Him how we should intercede for the person before us. We must pray according to His will for any prayers to be answered. The other kind is those which we receive from God and speak directly to a condition and sometimes even a demon as God encourages or instructs us to.

We must believe that He hears us and cares about the person we are praying for and their needs. Only then may we approach Him with confidence and ask how we should pray. If we are not sure how to pray specifically many times we will pray silently in our mind something like, “Lord, I know you want to heal this person. Please show me how to pray for them.”

Many people insist that you must speak in “tongues” to pray effectively for the sick. I have searched the scriptures and have not found anywhere that links effectively praying for the sick with speaking in tongues. So if you do you can, if you don’t I wouldn’t worry about it. As far as I can tell speaking in tongues is something you get to do, it’s not something you have to do.

Sometimes the most effective intercessory prayers are also the simplest. “Lord, please heal John of his condition.” If God has blessed you with the gift to speak eloquent prayers, go with it. Just remember you can pray eloquent prayers that God does not answer. Be sensitive to how He is leading you. Sometimes we just need to keep it simple and straightforward.

Some of the most effective prayers come from the people themselves. If I feel the person would be comfortable doing so I will ask the person to pray for their own healing and we will simply agree with them for it. We find that if the person has faith for their healing that they may be healed because of it. That way they see it is God, not me or another “human” that healed them. This is one of the best kinds of healing.

Jesus would ask people things like, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” If they didn’t have faith He would use the opportunity to instruct them about faith for healing and then He would heal them. Since we are to be like Jesus and to follow His example then I would suggest that we do likewise.

There are times when God gives me a sense that I should command a sickness or ailment to leave. In this instance it is usually a short and direct comment. We will usually lay hands upon the area afflicted and say something like, "I break the power of this disease in the name of Jesus", or "In the name of Jesus I command you to leave John's body and never return." These prayers or commands are usually very short and very effective. If you look through the instances of healing recorded in the Bible you will see that Jesus frequently used this technique to drive out demons or heal the sick.

STEP FOUR: THE ACTUAL PRAYER

After you have decided how you need to pray we come to the "How" part of the process. Usually, if the person is agreeable to it, we will anoint them with oil (pure olive oil is just fine) and lay hands upon them near the afflicted area.

CAUTION: *Especially with women or small children if there is a malady of a more intimate nature, like breast cancer, ask her husband or another woman to place their hands near the area in need then place your hands on top of theirs. It is of utmost importance to treat people with respect and dignity. It is not imperative to touch the actual spot. You can just lay hands upon their head, but most people prefer to have you address the affected area if possible.*

After we have anointed them with oil and lay hands on the person, I usually pray out loud something quite simple to invite the Holy Spirit to come and minister to the person needing healing. Something as simple as "Holy Spirit, I invite you to come upon our sister Susan and release your healing power in her." Again, it need not be eloquent although there is no reason that it can not be. Just be sensitive to how the Holy Spirit is leading.

When the Holy Spirit touches them people respond in many different ways. None of these is wrong or inappropriate in and of themselves. Some people fall over or down (just help them down slowly so they do not hurt themselves), some may shake, cry, laugh, scream loudly. The list of physical and emotional manifestations is quite lengthy. Suffice it to say be ready for almost anything and don't show disapproval. It is not for you to approve or disapprove of what the Lord may be doing with these individuals.

Physical or emotional manifestations are not a necessary thing, but the fact is they do occur when the Holy Spirit is at work. It really shouldn't surprise us that these things accompany the healing of deep inner hurts, the receiving of forgiveness for horrible sins, the remembrance of painful traumatic experiences in a person's life or the overwhelming joy of their first encounter with a God that truly loves and accepts them in a way they have never experienced before. Unusual emotional and physical manifestations are common in scripture, church history and in today's church. Most importantly we must realize that these things do not ensure healing will occur. Healing is an internal work of the Holy Spirit.

We do not pray for these experiences, we only pray that God's power would come and heal them. The Holy Spirit knows what the person has need of, so don't get to overly concerned with "diagnosing" it

correctly. We must be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit during these healing sessions. God will help us through it, if only we will let Him.

STEP FIVE: POST-PRAYER DIRECTION

When a person is healed it is extremely important to help them understand what they need to do to “keep” their healing. Jesus told the woman caught in adultery to “go and sin no more.” This is great advice for all of us.

The person needs to understand that the enemy will come and try to steal their healing from them and that they need to stand up for themselves or come back and have you stand with them to keep it from happening. Satan is a liar and he will say whatever he needs to for you to doubt God. Satan does not want anyone believing that God has healed them or forgiven them. He will use friends, relatives or circumstances to take away your healing. I have seen it time and again where a person was healed from some ailment they had for a long time. Completely, unquestionably healed. They went about their life doing what they couldn't before. Then they share it with a friend or relative and are promptly told, “That's not possible, you can't be healed of that. Everyone in your family has that and no one has ever been “healed” of that.” Almost immediately they lose faith, they start to question whether what they are experiencing is “real.” Within a short time they are right back where they started from.

That is why Post-Prayer direction is so important. They need to get involved in a group of people that will support them emotionally and spiritually. Especially for the period immediately following a healing they need people that will stand by them through the tough times as well as the good. Whether this is a church congregation, a small group or just some good Christian friends; somewhere they need to be accountable and accounted for.

You may be the only person standing between them and annihilation from Satan. God expects you to help your brothers and sisters in whatever way you can. Again, I can not stress enough that we should not pray for the needs of others if we are not willing to help them in whatever way we are able.

If someone was not healed we need to let them know that God still loves them and is concerned about them. We should encourage them to seek more prayer. If possible direct them to the prayer team or a small group where they can get longer-term prayer. These people also need to get involved with a group of people that will support them emotionally and spiritually.

Chapter 9

Laying On Hands & Anointing With Oil

” They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them...”

*Mark 6:13
(NIV)*

” Is any sick among you? 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...”

*James 5:14
(KJV)*

Laying On Hands & Anointing With Oil

Why do we lay hands upon the sick and anoint them with oil? Let's address the laying on of hands first.

Jesus, more than anyone else, practiced the laying on of hands in His ministry, especially in healing the sick. Look at Luke 4:40 (NKJV), "Now 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."

Again in Luke 13:13 (NASB) we see Jesus had pity of a woman that had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. He freed her: "And He laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made erect again and began glorifying God."

In Mark 16:17-18 (NASB) Jesus instructed His disciples, before leaving this earth, what the sign would be that will follow the preaching of the Gospel. "And these signs will accompany those who have believed: **in My name** they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Jesus speaks here of a future time, after His departure, clearly stating that this practice was to continue until He returns, at the end of times.

Note that the gift of physical healing is a gift of God and it has to be performed "in the name of Jesus" for the healing is not ours but God's which He grants as He wills. See where Jesus tells us that in John 15:16 (NASB), "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father **in My name** He may give to you."

Healing is from God, not from us, and He grants healing as He wants for His purposes. We are commanded to pray in faith and perform this ministry until the end; however, the outcome is entirely in His hands.

The laying on of hands is an act of faith and obedience to God's Word. Like anointing its effectiveness does not depend on our feelings or abilities, but rather on God who grants the increase.

Laying on of hands in many instances is accompanied by anointing with oil. In ancient times using oil for illnesses was extremely common, even more common than putting a band-aid on our injuries is today. But is that all there is to the passage in James 5:14? If it was purely medicinal why wasn't the sick person sent to the doctor? Why call the church leaders?

There is really nothing magical or supernatural about anointing a sick person with oil. We are not invoking any special healing powers by anointing the person.

What exactly is anointing? To ‘anoint’ literally means to pour or rub oil on a person or thing. In the Old Testament, the practice of anointing could be used in secular situations (such as finalizing a legal contract, or preparing a shield for battle) or it could be used for religious purposes.

In reference to religious use, objects were anointed, such as the temple and its furnishings (Ex 40:9-10), garments (Lev 8:30), and sacred vessels (Ex 30:26). Religious anointing was also used for certain types of people, such as kings (I Kings 1:39; 2 Kings 9:6), priests (Ex 29:29; Lev 4:3), and prophets (I Kings 19:16; 1 Chronicles 16:22; Ps 105:15).

By anointing an individual the person anointed is symbolically set apart as holy and consecrated to the Lord. In other words, they are His and to be used according to His purposes. In the New Testament anointing the sick is connected with the preaching of repentance. Mark 6:12-14 (NIV) states that “They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.” The James passage cited above has about the same type of meaning as the Mark passage.

My best understanding of this passage is that the anointing with oil of a sick individual is a symbolic declaration that this person has been set apart to God. Medicine has failed. Human ability has failed. The leaders of the church then gather together, and in the name of the Lord, symbolically pronounce their submission to and faith in the almighty God. Such an anointing is not a guarantee of healing; rather, it is purely a declaration of faith in God’s ability to heal if He so chooses. That’s why Luke 5:17 (NASB) is in the Bible, “...the power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing.”

One of the more accurate representations of what James is telling us is found in the GNT, “Are any among you sick? They should send for the church elders, who will pray for them and rub olive oil on them in the name of the Lord. This prayer made in faith will heal the sick; the Lord will restore them to health, and the sins they have committed will be forgiven.”

By translating the word “anoint” literally as “rub” or “smear” it helps remove the mystical feeling that many attach to this passage. It is true that rubbing of oil was common among both believers and non-believers for medicinal purposes during the first century. By using this symbolic declaration that this person has been set apart to God it becomes chiefly a matter of God getting the glory for being God.

Chapter 10

Why Some People Are Not Healed

*I personally believe that God still heals people miraculously today.
Even with that level of faith there are still the natural and
very human questions that come:
Why that person or Why not me?
It seems to me God must have his reasons.*

*If I were God I might try to protect my children from any harm
or adversity. God did not help the Apostle Paul by taking away his
thorn in the flesh. Actually the affliction helped Paul
to stay humble and made him a better witness for God.*

And yet, even great men of God eventually die and sometimes even suffer.

"Now Elisha was suffering from the illness from which he died."

*2 Kings 13:14
(NIV)*

Why Some People Are Not Healed

Quite simply, I and many others who are honest about it will tell you, "I DON'T KNOW!"

We have been given instructions to follow when requesting healing. How many follow these instructions?

James 5:14 (NASB) *Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;*

James 5:15 (NASB) *and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.*

James 5:16 (NASB) *Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.*

Note that it says 'the prayer of faith'. When Jesus healed the sick He used the words 'Your faith has made you whole'. The key is faith; both of the afflicted and the ones praying for healing.

If then, when someone is not healed is it an indication that there was not enough faith? Not necessarily. The faith we need is that God 'can' heal. Having faith that God 'can' heal does not mean that He will.

God is not a genie or servant that we can call on and He must do our will. It is us who must do God's will.

God knows the future, and He knows us. If we have faith in God we should also be willing to leave the decision to heal us to Him. We should ask and then relax; knowing it is in God's hands and that it will all work out for the best. Not necessarily for what we think is the best, but for the best according to God's purpose for us.

Often I have heard prayers for the healing of someone who is elderly and has a terminal illness. Are such prayers submitted out of concern for the best interest of the elderly person, or from the selfish interest of the relative or friend who does not want to face their loss? We must understand that death will be the last enemy to be defeated. Death will not be defeated until the last of the wicked, together with Satan and his wicked angels, have been tossed into the 'lake of fire' following the judgment at the end. Only then will we go on to a world made new in which there will be no more death.

We must all face our end of days and unfortunately many of us may be sick when this happens. We need to understand that it is not, and never has been God's will that any should be sick. However, just as we die so we also get sick. It is our inheritance from our first mother and father and their disobedience that brought all such things upon the human race.

2 Kings 13:14 (NIV) *"Now Elisha was suffering from the illness from which he died."*

Elisha was a mighty prophet of God who had received a double portion of the Spirit that was in Elijah. He was loved by God and had served God in his ministry for over 60 years. However his time had come to leave our world. The illness he received lead to his death. His time was up.

Quite simply, prayer for the healing of someone who has an appointment with God will probably not succeed. Only God knows the day and time He has planned for someone and His timetable is the only one that counts.

I, myself, was victim to this one. When my father was dying, I called my brothers and my sons and even dad's brother. I was convinced that if we rallied around dad and fervently prayed to God that dad would be healed; rise up to the glory of God and everyone would live happily ever after. After all, read again James 5:14-16.

When I arrived I had an agenda. It didn't matter how sick he was, how close to death; I fully intended for dad to walk away from this "healed!" The problem was that God's agenda and mine were not the same. One place you never want to find yourself is in opposition to God and His plans. Needless to say God brought me to my senses and I got on board and in line with His will.

Now, granted, that did not come without a struggle. I came down there figuring that I was going to walk in with dad dying and within 24 hours, 48 tops, we would see him healed to the glory of God and a great testimony to our family.

I did pray, maybe not as fervently as I had imagined. The group was not the unified front I had imagined and dad did not get healed as I had envisioned. The key that I learned was it's not my will but "THY WILL" be done. I know and am convinced that it is God's will to heal. He says so. I still don't understand completely why it doesn't happen every time.

Even with all this, I couldn't let it go. I was still operating from a human standpoint and within my agenda when it was His agenda I needed to be in tune with. It took my father looking me straight in the eyes, shaking his head and telling me "NO!" to completely get me on board with God's agenda. My dad believed and knew I had the ability to pray he be healed and could probably have had it happen. The only issue is that he knew he had an appointment to keep. That it was his time to go home and he was looking forward to it. You see, I made a fatal flaw, I never asked him if he wanted to be healed. I assumed that my will was everyone's will.

I believe that when a person draws their last breath on this earth they draw their first breath with the Lord. In these cases whether they live or die, they win! So let's run the scenarios with my dad. As long as he was in right standing with Jesus, and he was, if he died, he is with the Lord. Dad wins. God: 1 / Devil: 0. Great for dad, sad for the rest of us, but life goes on.

Now let's say another thing happened as it has for many others. If while we were praying God's Spirit moved upon dad, his color returned to normal, his muscle tone came back, muscle mass increased, his breathing became regular again, life would have returned to his eyes, he began to

talk coherently again, stood and walked out of the room praising Jesus. What would this have accomplished?

- God would be glorified!*
- Dad would have been returned to us!*
- My brothers would not have been able to deny what they saw matches with what they were told about Jehovah Rapha (the God Who Heals You)!*
- We would have had even more faith!*
- The doctors, nurses, etc. would not have been able to deny the miracle and God's existence as the ultimate healer!*
- Dad would have had an awesome testimony to share!*

Again, Dad wins. God: 1 / Devil: 0.

So in answer to the question, I would have to say that it is not always possible for us to know God's will in healing the sick, even for "men of God." We should have the faith to submit our will to God and let the final decision rest with Him. We should then be able to praise Him for the outcome, knowing that it was for the best, even if it is not the outcome we wanted. Thoughts for ourselves and our concerns at the possible loss we will suffer need to be put aside and replaced with inner peace; knowing that both we and our situation are under control when God is at work.

Chapter 11

Healing: It's A Powerful Evangelistic Tool

*"Whatever house you enter,
first say, 'Peace be to this house.'
"If a man of peace is there,
your peace will rest on him;
but if not, it will return to you.
"Stay in that house, eating and
drinking what they give you;
for the laborer is worthy of his wages.
Do not keep moving from house to house.
"Whatever city you enter and they receive you,
eat what is set before you;
and heal those in it who are sick,
and say to them, 'The kingdom of God
has come near to you'."*

*Luke 10:5-9
(NASB)*

Healing: It's A Powerful Evangelistic Tool

Luke 10:5-9 contains the instructions Jesus gave 70 of His disciples when He sent them on their first mission. Jesus had compassion for the lost and hurting of this world and He used healing as a powerful evangelistic tool. The old saying, "They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care" holds especially true in the arena of Healing Evangelism. What Jesus knew is that the best way for people to experience the "reality" of God is to touch them where they feel they need it most.

Look closely at what Jesus told these disciples. Here are His instructions, not ours or anyone else's. First: Speak Peace over the house you are going to enter. Second: "Eat the meal set before you." In other words fellowship a little and get to know them. Third: Meet some perceived need of the people there by doing something tangible; like healing someone who is sick. And then Fourth, only after those things were done, are you to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

That's where we need to start, at someone's point of need. They need to know how much you care, before they will even care how much you know. As first steps people will be more responsive and open to you healing them than forcing your God upon them. For so long in our churches and our personal relationships we have reversed the order. We approach people with whom we have no credibility and start telling them about a God they don't know. Believe me, especially in the United States, there are many hundreds of thousands of people who do not know God. Follow Jesus instructions and it's plain to see that after you bless their house, get to know them and perform some miraculous answers to their prayers, they are going to be a whole lot more receptive to hearing about the God that love's them enough to do this for them.

There are few things more powerful than a person walking into your church sick and walking out well. Especially if it is a child. When the Spirit of God is moving, people stand up and take notice.

Most of the unchurched people in the United States have very little, if any, idea how much the Lord wants to do for them. They are plagued and weighed down by all their problems; pressures at work, conflicts at home, more month than money and failing health just to name a few.

Although these people may even go to a church they don't see that God is the obvious solution to all their problems. In many cases all it takes is for you to care enough to ask them if they would like to visit your church. Let's face it most people, would like nothing more than to have a support team that will help solve their biggest problems, stand by them in trouble, be there day or night and commit 100% to their success. The main trouble is there are few people or places where that actually happens. Follow Jesus instructions and watch what happens next.

Chapter 12

Where Do We Go From Here?

*“I myself am convinced, my brothers,
that you yourselves are full of goodness,
complete in knowledge and
competent to instruct one another.”*

*Romans 15:14
(NIV)*

Where Do We Go From Here?

Were you aware that the Roman believers who received Paul's letter didn't have Bibles? The population of Rome was estimated to be two-thirds slaves, most of them illiterate. Yet if you read our opening verse Paul strongly tells them that they are "competent to instruct one another."

This means that the ordinary congregants, not just the "gifted ones" or the "trained ones", are qualified to instruct, admonish, teach and counsel each other. God has made us all "a chosen people, a royal priesthood..." (1 Peter 2:9 NIV) The basic reason to be a "priest" is to represent Him to others by talking about how great He is and what He's done.

Go out and tell others of what you've seen. Three times 1 Chr 16:8 / Ps 105:1 / Isa 12:4 God tells us to "Make known His deeds among the peoples". As you pray for people and you see them get well, rejoice and do as the Holy Spirit does and "Testify" of Christ. Testify. It's a scary word. Right?

Testifying to the work of God in our lives and the lives of others as we have witnessed it isn't hard. Most of us like to talk about ourselves, our jobs, our successes, the good things that are going on in our life. It's easy to just relate the stories. (Remember: Do Not Name Names or Give Specifics That Will Reveal Who It Is – Keep It General. Only the person who was healed should reveal their name.) Tell others how God has worked through your group to bring healing to others.

Always remember to be grateful to God for what He is doing through you. Remain humble, do not become exalted. Just like Jesus, "by yourself you can do NOTHING."

After each session, meet as a group; share what you felt, what you saw, what worked, what didn't. Learn to cooperate with the Holy Spirit and let Him guide your paths. Build your group into a true "Team", a "Family." Let the Holy Spirit empower you to do things you've never done before.

Take this information to other Churches. Train them to do the same. Freely share the literature with the only stipulation that you do not alter it in any way without first sending us a copy and getting our written permission. Let the Holy Spirit cooperate with you and with them. Encourage them to do the same. Maybe meet with the other groups monthly and share with each other what's been working in your groups.

God has told us that this will be a great ministry, but that we would not be very well known. We're OK with that! All we want is for the Holy Spirit to bring healing (spiritual, physical, emotional, psychological, financial, etc., etc., etc.) to those who need it.

Always, always, always before you start anything PRAY and invite the strong presence of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to manifest Himself. The focal point of every "Encounter Healing" service is to help facilitate opportunities for God's people to meet Him, maybe for the first time, as "Jehovah Rapha" (The Lord Who Heals You).

In these uncertain days, people are yearning to encounter something bigger than themselves and their everyday lives. "Our responsibility is to show them our God."

Appendix

Healing Scriptures

“...I, the LORD, am your healer.”

Exodus 15:26 (NASB)

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Matthew 21:21-22 (NIV)

And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

Matthew 8:2 (NASB)

Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," He said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy.

Matthew 8:3 (NIV)

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits- who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases ...

Psalms 103:2-3 (NIV)

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

Matthew 9:35 (NASB)

"I will restore you to health and I will heal you of your wounds," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 30:17 (NASB)

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.

Luke 4:40 (NKJV)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father. "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

John 14:12-14 (NASB)

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 9:1-2 (NKJV)

"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8 (NASB)

God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out.

Acts 19:11-12 (NASB)

It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

Isaiah 65:24 (NASB)

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

Isaiah 58:8 (NIV)

O LORD my God, I cried to You for help and You healed me.

Psalms 30:2 (NASB)

And these signs will follow those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

Mark 16:17-18 (NKJV)

When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:14 (NASB)

And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

Luke 5:17 (NKJV)

And it happened that the father of Publius was lying in bed afflicted with recurrent fever and dysentery; and Paul went in to see him and after he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him.

Acts 28:8 (NASB)

And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits ... And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

Mark 6:7, 13 (NKJV)

As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed.

Luke 17:12-14 (NASB)

No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

Psalms 91:10 (NKJV)

They begged Jesus to let them touch just the edge of his coat, and all who touched it were healed.

Matthew 14:36 (NCV)

...so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. 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.

Acts 5:15-16 (NKJV)

There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed." Immediately he got up.

Acts 9:33-34 (NASB)

Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see.

Matthew 12:22 (NASB)

He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

Isaiah 40:29-31 (NASB)

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

Matthew 10:6 (NKJV)

And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases.

Luke 9:1 (NASB)

Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 (NASB)

Worship the LORD your God and His blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you.

Exodus 23:25 (NIV)

And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus answered and said, "Stop! No more of this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

Luke 22:50-51 (NASB)

Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the Church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.

James 5:14-15 (NIV)

This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES."

Matthew 8:17 (NASB)

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.

Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8 (NASB)

...and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed.

Acts 8:7 (NASB)

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Mark 11:24 (NKJV)

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5:16 (KJV)

When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "It shall be done to you according to your faith." And their eyes were opened.

Matthew 9:28-30 (NASB)

Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

Matthew 15:28 (NASB)

He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Mark 5:34 (NIV)

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.

Matthew 8:13 (NKJV)

The LORD will remove from you all sickness; and He will not put on you any of the harmful diseases of Egypt which you have known, but He will lay them on all who hate you.

Deuteronomy 7:15 (NASB)

Appendix

Prayer Primer

(Sample Prayer Starters)

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Dear Lord,

I thank you that you are moved with compassion towards your children, and that the only time you were ever asked if you were willing to heal, the answer was Yes. Lord, I believe that your answer still is Yes, and so I come to you on behalf of **INSERT PERSON'S NAME**.

Thank You for Your healing touch.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear Lord,

I give you thanks and praise. You are my Lord, and I take joy in serving You. You bless my bread and my water, and you take sickness far away from your children. I thank you that you hear our prayer for **INSERT PERSON'S NAME** and see **his/her** tears. I thank you that healing is **his/hers**, and the number of **his/her** days will be fulfilled, for You are the Lord who heals.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear God,

I cry out to you—my refuge and my strength. My help in time of trouble. I look to you to accomplish everything that needs to be done for **INSERT PERSON'S NAME**. I thank you that you send forth your healing word from heaven to save **INSERT PERSON'S NAME** and make **him/her** whole.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

O Lord My Provider,

Thank you for seeing **INSERT PERSON'S NAME** needs and making provision for **his/her** healing. Thank You for the Lord Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away **his/her** sin and opens the way for **him/her** to receive every blessing. Thank You for forgiving **his/her** sins and for meeting **his/her** every need. Thank You for **his/her** healing.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Holy Spirit,

I invite you to come upon **INSERT PERSON'S NAME** and release your Healing power.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear Lord,

You told us to pray for things to be here as they are in heaven. I know there is no **INSERT AILMENT** there, so there shouldn't be any here. So I command in the name of Jesus that this **INSERT AILMENT** be removed from **INSERT PERSON'S NAME**. Thank You, Lord.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

O Lord My Healer,
Dear Lord,

Thank You for sending your word to make INSERT PERSON'S NAME whole.
Thank You for forgiving all his/her sins and healing all his/her diseases. Thank You
for anointing Jesus to mend his/her broken heart and bind up his/her wounds.
You give sight to the blind and freedom to the captive. Today, this
Scripture is fulfilled and I declare that INSERT PERSON'S NAME is healed.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear Lord,

You are a good Father and you give good things to your children.

You are a good Father, and I know that You will not turn INSERT PERSON'S NAME away, but will
open Your door to him/her.

So I ask you for healing, knowing that INSERT PERSON'S NAME will receive it.

Thank You, Lord.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear Lord,

I believe that you anointed Jesus to bring good news to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to free the
captive and oppressed, to give sight to the blind, and to proclaim that now is the time for the favor of the
Lord.

Today this Scripture is fulfilled in our hearing, and we receive your healing touch on behalf of INSERT
PERSON'S NAME. Thank You, Lord.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

O God,

In our hearts, we name those men, women, and children who are now suffering from physical,
emotional, or spiritual illness and pain. We join our prayers with the prayers of all who love them. Give
them renewed comfort and courage.

Strengthen in them the healing powers you have placed within us all. Guide the hands and hearts of
those who are entrusted with their care.

May the knowledge of your love, O God, as well as our love, give added hope to them and to their dear
ones. May they find even greater strength in the assurance that our prayers are linked with theirs.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear Lord,

We proclaim a miracle for Your child, INSERT PERSON'S NAME that passes all understanding in
the natural and that will astonish his/her doctors and all that know him/her. Father God breathe
Your breath of life back into him/her and strengthen him/her right now and raise him/her up new
and whole to walk and proclaim who You are and what You can and are willing to do for those
whom You died for out of Your great love for each of them.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Recommended Reading List

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Joyce Meyer

ISBN: 0-446-69211-5

Faith Words – Hachette Book Group USA / 237 Park Avenue / New York, NY 10017

The Believer's Authority

Kenneth E. Hagin

ISBN-13: 978-0-89276-406-8

Kenneth Hagin Ministries / PO Box 50126 / Tulsa, OK 74150-0126

Christ the Healer

F.F. Bosworth

ISBN: 0-88368-591-4

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Smith Wigglesworth

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