

A silhouette of a person standing on a rocky cliff, holding two crutches high in the air. The background is a vibrant sunset with a gradient from yellow to orange to purple. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. The overall mood is one of triumph and hope.

HEALING

IN HIS NAME

Reading Plan
3rd Oct - 4th Nov
2022



turningpoint
CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

We sing songs that declare “your name is power, your name is healing, your name is life” (I speak Jesus). How true are these words in our lives? Are they songs for Sunday or the very soundtrack of our lives?

Over the next month, there is an invitation in these scriptures to step into not just a deeper perspective on Gods healing power, but also an invitation to advance the gospel so that others may experience His healing touch as well.

One essential way to accomplish this is to live our lives in a state of overflow. Hearing then believing then receiving the things of God and outworking them in our everyday lives; not from a sense of ‘we have to’ but rather from a state of abundance, opening the flood gate of our Christ centered lives onto those around us.

We all cry out for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will touch and change the world for the Gospel. But first we must ask ourselves what we need to do to be prepared for Jesus power in us to be released like Jesus said in *John 14:12,14* “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father... Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!” This scripture is clear if we will just believe we will see the gospel advance, but it is all in His name.

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My son, attend to my words; incline your ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Prov 4:20-22

This Scripture literally says that God's Word is medicine to our flesh.

Now, think about this: What if someone invented a medication that could cure anything wrong with the human body? He'd be rich overnight! People would take that medicine diligently to make sure it worked. Well, if we'd just give God's promises on healing the same credibility we give the medicines developed by medical science, we would have 100 times the results!

If you were to leave the front door of your home wide open, any kind of animal could walk right in. Spiritually speaking, Christians sometimes leave a "door" open to their lives for the enemy's to enter.

Perhaps you're having trouble with obstacles thrown in your way and you've done everything you know to do. Well, check to see if you've left a door open. For instance, are you walking in love? Is your observation critical about people? Are you harbouring unforgiveness in your heart toward anyone? Do you always look to point out someone else's fault?

You see, unforgiveness and wrong attitudes can stop faith from working, because faith works by God grace and love, and love always forgives. (Gal. 5:6.) We may be trying to believe God for healing. But if we harbour unforgiveness in our hearts, our faith will become ineffective.

Sometimes people think they just can't forgive. They claim that the devil just won't let them. No, it isn't the devil that won't let people forgive; it's their own flesh; and the flesh can always be put under our control. Forgiveness is not a feeling; it's a decision that we must make if we are going to see the healing in 2022. We may have to reinforce that commitment to forgive again and again, but it is well worth the effort.

When we keep all our doors shut to negative attitudes we will walk in victory and the devil cannot get into steal our blessings!

Prayer:

I refuse to walk in negativity and unforgiveness and open the door to the devil. I won't allow the enemy's curse in my life. I choose to forgive, no matter what anyone does. I will speak well of all people. I will walk in love!

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

People who say, "God doesn't heal anymore," evidently never read the Bible.

Hebrews 13:8 says Jesus is the same now as He has ever been. If He healed while He walked on this earth, He still heals today.

Most people believe it is God's will to heal only some. But the big question remains, "Is it God's will to heal all?" Some say, "Well, that can't be true because I know someone and they were not healed."

If we go by the experiences of people we know, we may conclude it isn't God's will to heal everyone. But what is God's intention? We need to gather together all the experience, tradition, doctrine, theory, and denominationalism we've ever heard and just push it aside. We must look at nothing but God's Word and find out what He has to say on the matter.

Let's consider if you wanted to know something about a person; would you go ask some guy out on the street corner who doesn't even know the person? Would they be able to tell you about that person's life or their abilities? There's no telling what that person would say or how true it would be!

But most of us have done that with God. When we've wanted to know God's will, we've sometimes gone to people who don't even know Him and asked what they thought. They may have given us all kinds of wild opinions, not having the faintest idea what the Bible says.

So if we want to find God's will on a subject, we have to go to Jesus. He is the express image of God. Jesus said, "*He that hath seen me hath seen the Father*" (John 14:9). He also said, "*And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*" (John 8:32). He didn't say theories or doctrines will make you free; He said knowing the truth--His Word--will make you free.

The Bible is truth! And in the Bible, we find it is God's will to heal all.

Prayer:

I know the truth that God wants to heal, and the truth sets us free from any sickness or disease. I've found it in the Word; I know it's God's will.

So I believe I receive my healing now!

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 15:7

From this Scripture we understand that it is God's will to heal everyone, because it is God's will to answer prayers. God promises to answer any prayer; especially that which lines up with His Word.

We know that healing lines up with God's Word because *Psalms 107:20* tells us *God sent His Word to heal us*. We know healing lines up with His Word because *Matthew 9:35* tells us *Jesus went through all the cities and villages, teaching, preaching, and healing every sickness and disease among the people*. We know healing lines up with His Word because *Hebrews 13:8* says *Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever*.

In *John 15:7* Jesus said, *"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done."* It is clear that God's will is to heal us. And if healing is what we have faith for then we can be sure it shall be done unto us according to His Word!

Jesus went to the cross and shed His blood for us. Through His death, burial, and resurrection, He forgave our sins, redeemed us, delivered us from the power of darkness, and enabled us to become partakers of God's inheritance. Jesus didn't redeem us from all the Old Testament blessings. For instance, healing was a blessing back then, so it's still a blessing today. Jesus didn't do away with any blessings; He just added to them.

Look at *Isaiah 53:5*: *"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."* Jesus not only redeemed us from our sins, but He also redeemed us from torment and oppression so we could have peace. He redeemed us from sickness so we could have health.

God's report says we were forgiven, delivered, and healed. Now we can just reach out in faith to receive any of these covenant blessings. They all belong to us because Jesus already paid the price.

Prayer:

I am free from sin and all its effects--from worry, anxiety, and fear, from sickness, disease, and pain. God's inheritance affects all areas of my life--spirit, soul, and body. I abide in the Lord Jesus Christ, and His words abide in me. So I ask my Father in prayer, believing I receive healing today for _____ and _____. By faith, it is done; they are healed!

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6TH

FIRST HEARING, THEN BELIEVING

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Romans 10:13-14

Hearing the Word produces belief. You can't call on God unless you believe, and you can't believe unless you hear. That's why hearing and healing go hand in hand. Once you hear, you can believe; and once you believe, you can be healed.

Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Hearing God's Word causes faith to rise up on the inside. When you release that faith, you get results. That's why *Mark 9:23* says, "All things are possible to him that believes."

Sometimes the reason we're experiencing difficulty getting rid of sickness in our bodies is that we've left a door open someplace. Either we're doing something wrong, or we're not doing something right. This isn't a hard-and-fast rule, because the devil will still try to attack when we're doing everything right. But sometimes we find we have left a door open.

Sometimes we don't treat our own bodies the way God wants us too. So don't mistreat your body and leave a door open for the devil to bring in sickness and disease. Eat right and get adequate rest and exercise. Never forget--you are the custodian of the Holy Spirit's dwelling place... your body!

God made it easy for us. He said simply to hear, believe and be healed. So if you're having trouble believing God for a healing, don't try to work it up. Go back to the Word and "hear" what He said. Then just keep on hearing until faith rises up on the inside. Healing will be the result as we advance the gospel!

Prayer:

My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. I am the one responsible for taking care of it. So I purpose to eat the proper diet, get plenty of exercise and rest, and allow my body to function according to God's design.

Because I hear the Word of God, faith produces healing in my physical body. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be healed. I hear, I call, I believe--and I am healed!

Therefore I say unto you, what things you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them.

Mark 11:24

How do we receive all that Jesus bought and paid for through His death, burial, and resurrection? Well, we know that faith operates on God's known will. So first we must look into the Word, where we find it is God's perfect will for every person to be born again and healed. Next, we make a point of contact, which occurs when we believe and we receive--not necessarily when we see our petition come to pass.

Imagine a reservoir of water held back by a dam and a dry valley below. The two represent a "greater" and a "lesser"--a reservoir full of water and a valley that's dry. If you were to open the flood gate so that contact is made between the two, the greater would flood into the lesser.

In the same way, our point of contact can be likened to "opening the floodgate." The moment we release our faith--the point of contact--the greater anointing and power that is in Jesus Christ begins to flow into the "lesser," our bodies, whether we feel it or not. God's healing power begins to effect a healing in our physical bodies the moment we believe we receive.

In *John 11:40*, Jesus said to Martha, "*I told you if you'd believe, you'd see the glory of God.*" Notice He didn't say, "I told you that when you see God's glory, then you'll believe."

Anyone can believe when he sees or feels something. But as Christians, we're supposed to believe we receive our answer before we see or feel it, because we believe the Word. What else are we supposed to do? We are to say what we believe: "Thank God, I believe I'm healed by the stripes of Jesus". Do we necessarily feel any different? Not always, but that's all right. Our feelings won't change God's Word, but God's Word will definitely change our feelings when we hook up with Him!

Prayer:

Today I make my point of contact with God to advance the gospel. By faith I open the flood gates of His goodness, and His healing power flows; as I believe I will receive!

...and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.
Numbers 21:4

As the children of Israel made their way toward the Promised Land, they became discouraged because they were looking at the way--the natural hardships of their journey.

But just think what they could have focused on instead. God had brought them out of Egypt with signs, wonders, and miracles. When they could go no farther because of the Red Sea, God had worked a miracle, parting the waters so they could cross on dry ground. When the Egyptian army tried to pursue them, the two walls of water had closed up again and destroyed the Israelites' enemies.

When the Israelites had come to the waters of Marah, where the water was bitter, God miraculously purified the waters so the people could have good water to drink.

God led them with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. He gave them fresh manna from heaven every night; all they had to do was pick it up. He even gave them water out of a rock. And for the entire forty years that the Israelites wandered through the desert, their shoes and clothes didn't wear out.

But, despite all of these things, the Israelites became discouraged because they looked at the way. We've done the same things at times. "Oh, Lord, things are so hard. The way is so tough. I feel so bad."

We need to look back in our lives and recognize how God has helped us--how He's brought us out of trials and delivered us from bondage. Realizing how much God has already done, and how much more He wants to do for us, is an instant cure for discouragement!

Prayer:

Through the blood of Jesus, my Father has delivered me, protected me, provided for me, and healed me. Therefore, no matter what I face, I focus my spiritual eyes on my faithful God.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11TH

LET PATIENCE HAVE HER PERFECT WORK

Count it all joy when you fall into temptation; knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect, wanting nothing.

James 1:2-4

Notice in verse 4 that James didn't say, "Let those tests and trials have their perfect work." He said, "Let patience have her perfect work...."

You see, tests and trials don't perfect you; it is what you do with them that counts. You are not perfected because a bunch of problems come along. You are perfected because you stick with the Word of God in the midst of those problems and patiently endure. That's when patience has its perfect work.

Patience is consistent endurance. When you walk in patience, you remain consistent all the way through situations, no matter what comes along. You aren't up and down like a yo-yo. You base everything on God's Word. You don't get up in the morning and ask yourself how you are. You get up in the morning, open your Bible, and tell yourself how you are according to the Word!

I've seen people grow in their spiritual walks as a result of using their faith against tests and trials. I've seen other people go under when they faced the same tests and trials. It's what people do with their problems that makes the difference and advances the Gospel.

Faith thrives in the midst of a trial. That doesn't mean we enjoy the trial. But when it comes our way, we don't shrink away from it either! We stand on God's Word and say, "Thank God, I know and trust the One whom I have believed!"

Even when the going gets tough, we just dig our heels in and say, "I don't care what it looks like, seems like, sounds like, or feels like. I believe what the Word of God says!"

Prayer:

My faith thrives in the midst of a trial. When symptoms come, I tell my body, "You're healed because Jesus bore your sickness!" I'm not the sick trying to get healed. I am the healed, and in Jesus' name the symptoms have to leave!

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12TH

COME OUT OF THE TRIAL STRONGER

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, where you are also called, and profess a good profession before many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:12

Someone said, "I thought when a person operated in faith, he wouldn't have any problems." No, that's what faith is for--to help you overcome the enemy when he attacks you with problems.

A man came to one minister and said, "I want you to pray I'll never have any more trouble with the devil." - The minister said, "Do you want me to pray you will die?"

You can count on it--the enemy will come with tests and trials. He is trying to steal, kill, and destroy everything good in your life. (John 10:10.) As long as we live down here, we will have trouble with the devil.

What does the devil do? He tries to stir up negative words, circumstances, symptoms, thoughts, imaginations, and trials. He does anything he can to discourage us and make us quit. The devil loves to use whatever he can to limit the advance of the Gospel."

Even though we are Christians, problems will come to us in life. But we aren't supposed to hide, bury our heads in the sand, or run in fear and cry, "Oh, God, what am I going to do now?"

We just need to stay scriptural. Then every time symptoms, temptations, tests, divisions, or trials come along, we stand up tall and say, "Glory to God! Here's one more chance for me to flex my faith muscles. I'll come out of this stronger.

The next time the devil comes, he'd better have some bigger guns because whatever he throws against me, I'm throwing back in his face with the Word of God! And in the name of Jesus, I'll grow as a result of it!"

Prayer:

I overcome every test, every trial, and every symptom with God's Word and the name of Jesus. I will not be discouraged, I will not fear, and I will not quit. I come out of every test stronger because I am growing in faith!

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but you shalt meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shalt make thy way prosperous, and then you shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8

If you want to walk in divine health, as God desires, you have to be a doer of the Word. For one thing, that means meditating on God's healing promises. As you do, you'll find His Word getting so big on the inside that you start acting like a healthy person!

God told Joshua the results he could expect for being diligent in His Word: "For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success." Did you notice that it doesn't say, "For then God will make your way prosperous"? No, it says, "For you will make your way prosperous." I've also heard it put this way--"Then you will deal wisely in all the affairs of life."

God has made health and success available in every area of your life. Now He says, "I give you the wisdom and ability to deal wisely in all the affairs of life. But it's your choice whether or not you become a doer of My Word and actually receive what I've given you."

Sometimes we find out why a person is struggling in faith just by listening to him for a few minutes. For instance, people have come up to me after being prayed for in a healing line and have said, "Well, I still have such-and-such in my body. I don't know why I can't get rid of it." They have just said why they haven't gotten rid of their condition! You see, they're believing they can't get rid of it.

When people come to receive prayer, they ought to be saying, "I've come to get rid of these symptoms." "What do you have?" "Well, I don't 'have' anything, but the devil is trying to put symptoms of sickness on me. I've come to get rid of them. You lay hands on me in the name of Jesus, and I'll receive my healing!"

Our words are important. If we can get our thinking, our believing, and our speaking straightened out, our lives will get straightened out. It may not happen instantly, but it will come to pass!

Prayer:

I have planted God's Word in my heart, and that Word is life to me and health to all my flesh. Because I meditate on God's Word, I deal wisely in all the affairs of life.

Then she came and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, it is not good to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is your faith: be it unto you even as you have faith. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Matthew 15:25-28

Under similar circumstances most of us would have given up, but not this woman. First Jesus ignored her; then He said to His disciples, "I'm not even sent to help her." Still, "came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me." This Gentile mother wouldn't leave Jesus alone!

Then Jesus told her it wasn't right to take the children's bread and give it to dogs. Jesus called her a dog! Most of us would have gone home angry. But look what she told Jesus: "Truth, Lord: the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

You may have thought she responded that way because of her humble attitude. "O Lord, just give me one of the crumbs from your table!" But she was really saying, "Lord, I don't need the whole loaf. Give that to the children, although most of them won't take it. Just give me a crumb. I know what Your bread will do."

She was not talking about how much humility she had; she was talking about how powerful Jesus' bread is! She was saying, Call me anything you want to, but heal my daughter.

Then Jesus told her, "With faith like that, you can have anything you want!" Jesus had taken this woman to the limits, and she'd passed the test. He knew her faith would turn His power loose.

Great faith always takes God at His Word, and that's what this Gentile woman did. It paid to hang on and refuse to give up, because she received the answer she'd come for: Her daughter was made whole!

Prayer:

I hold fast to God's Word with tenacity until my healing, miracle or provision is manifested. I refuse to give up, because I know that God's Word works and His gospel is advancing!

And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, ...came in ... and touched His garment.

Mark 5:25,27

The more you consider this woman with the issue of blood, the more you understand that she had to be stubborn. Under the Jewish law, she was considered unclean. When a woman with an issue of blood came out in public, she risked being stoned.

As if that weren't bad enough, notice whom Jesus was walking with at the time: *"And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name" (v. 22).*

Jesus was on His way to Jairus's house to heal his daughter when He perceived that power had flowed out of Him and He stopped to find out who had touched Him.

As a ruler of the synagogue, Jairus had authority to have this woman stoned. This woman had to be tenacious, stubborn and resistant. She had to overcome her fear and go against religious leaders.

You know, some ministers say, "Well, you just can't be healed. God doesn't do that anymore." When that happens, people have to override what those ministers are saying about healing in order to receive their healing. This woman had to overcome unbelief, fear, and weakness. She had to decide that no matter what came against her, she was going to receive her healing.

We have to get to that same point and make the same decision: "I don't care what anyone says. I don't care what it looks like, seems like, or feels like. I'm taking a stand on God's Word, and that's all there is to it!"

As Paul told the Ephesians 6: 11 Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore...

Prayer:

I will not be moved by circumstances or by what others say about my situation. I am moved only by what God's Word says. No sickness is too hard for my Father to heal. I receive healing today!

TUESDAY OCTOBER 18TH

ACT IN FAITH AS GOD LEADS YOU

When He [Jesus] had spoken, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spit, and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, and said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

John 9:6,7

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I heard of a person who was waiting for God to heal him from severe sugar diabetes. He heard of someone who had thrown away his insulin, so he thought, that's my step of faith! If I throw away this insulin, God will have to do something. But the man almost died! He tried to make something happen instead of acting because he believed God and trusted in the Word of God that he had already healed him.

Yet another account of two people who had sugar diabetes. They had to check the amount of insulin they needed every day. Every time they checked, they said, "Thank You, Father. I believe I'm healed by Jesus' stripes. Glory to God!" Then they'd take whatever insulin they needed.

The insulin wasn't healing these two people; it was just keeping them alive. A week or so later, they'd need a little bit less insulin. They'd take whatever insulin they needed, but they'd always say, "Thank God, I believe I'm healed."

Over a period of about three months, both of these people got healed of diabetes. By the end of the summer, neither one of them needed any insulin!

So let God teach you what you need to do to act on your faith. Then obey Him, and be healed!

Prayer:

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 20TH

DON'T DENY THE PROBLEM

And being not weak in faith, he [Abraham] considered his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither the deadness of Sarah's womb.

Romans 4:19

Did you notice that Abraham never denied the problem? He never said, "No, I'm not 100 years old. I'm more like 20 or 25."

God doesn't want us to deny that the problem exists. He doesn't advocate lying or "mind over matter" theories. He's just saying, "You can look at the problem, but don't dwell on it. Switch over and consider the Word. Don't deny that the problem is there; just observe God's Word. Keep your eyes on the answer not the problem."

Someone said to another person, "Oh, you look sick! You look like you have a cold." The other person replied, "No, I don't. I'm not sick."

The first person said, "Well, your nose is running." "No, it isn't."

"But you sound sick." "No, I'm not sick," the second person insisted.

But everyone around him could see he was sick. This person thought he was in faith, but he was just denying the problem. Now where did he acknowledge the place he was at so he could give Glory to God when he was taken from that place (sickness)?

God doesn't want us to do that. He just wants us to say, "It doesn't matter what I look like, feel like, or sound like. The only thing that matters is what God says. God tells me that by Jesus' stripes I was healed, and I've chosen to believe Him!"

You could say it like this:- "A" truth is I may have a cold – BUT "THE: truth is that in God I am healed. All I have to do is have faith then the "A truth" will soon become "THE truth" in my life.

So don't deny the problem or try to think it away. Just look at it and say, "Who cares? The answer is mine--I have God's Word on it!"

Prayer:

I don't deny the problems that arise in my life. I just believe God's Word, which is greater than any symptoms, circumstances, or problems. I am fully persuaded that what God has promised, He is able to do. (Rom. 4:21.)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21ST

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when He had finished supper, saying, this cup is the New Testament in My blood: this do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you do show the Lord's death till He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

In Exodus 12, God told His people, who were living in bondage in Egypt, "Slay a spotless lamb and put its blood on the doorposts; then roast the lamb and eat it. But before you do, pack your bags, put your marching shoes on, and get ready to travel, because after you partake of the lamb, you're coming out of this bondage."

As the Israelites ate the body of that Passover lamb, they looked ahead to the redemptive work that would be accomplished when Jesus Christ went to the cross. Under the new covenant, we take Communion to look back and remember what Jesus did for us.

We once were trapped in the bondage of sickness, worry, fear, discouragement, and depression. But the perfect Lamb shed His blood to redeem us from every yoke of bondage. Therefore, God's message to us is similar to what He said to the Israelites in Egypt. He says to us, "When you partake of the symbols of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, put your marching shoes on and get ready to come out of bondage!"

Communion services should be some of the biggest healing rallies around. When we partake of Communion, we remember what Jesus Christ did for us. For instance, we partake of the bread in remembrance of Jesus' body, broken for our physical healing. Therefore, we should say, "Thank You, Jesus, that by your shed blood on the cross, my sins were washed away. By Your broken body, I've been healed. And by Your chastisement, I have peace of mind." (Isa. 53:5.)

Prayer:

On the cross, Jesus freed my spirit, soul, and body from all bondage. Now I partake of Communion I am a part of advancing the Gospel, believing I'm freed from sin and sickness so I can see others freed because of His finished work.

And, behold, there comes one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lies at the point of death: I pray, come and lay your hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him....

Mark 5:22-24

Jesus started walking with Jairus toward his house. About that time, the woman with the issue of blood came up behind Him in the crowd and touched the hem of His garment. Jesus turned and asked, "Who touched Me?" The woman fell down before Jesus and told Him how she had been healed. (Mark 5:25-33.)

All this was going on while Jairus's daughter was at home at the point of death. When Jesus finished with the woman, they all started again toward Jairus's house. But just then someone came running from Jairus's home and told him, "It's too late. Don't trouble the Master; your daughter has died."

Jesus immediately turned to Jairus and made a profound statement: "Fear not; only believe." At that moment, He laid out a choice before Jairus, telling him, "You're either going to fear, or you're going to believe. If you keep operating in faith, your child will be healed. But if you step over into fear, you shut off My power."

You see, our words can open the door for the devil to attack us. Proverbs 6:2 says, "You art snared with the words of thy mouth, you art taken with the words of thy mouth." Fear allows Satan to work in our lives. It often starts out with worry, which is an offspring of fear, and that turns the devil loose.

When Jairus first found Jesus, he had spoken words of faith: "Jesus, if You lay hands on her, she will be healed and live." Now Jesus was giving him a choice, and Jairus chose to believe. He didn't speak one word of doubt or fear, and his little girl was raised from the dead. His faith turned God loose to work in his daughter's life.

Prayer:

I refuse to allow fear to operate in my life. I make the choice to walk in faith. I speak words of life and truth that open the door for God to make me healthy and whole! I change my thinking, my believing, and my speaking by feeding on God's Word. As I think, believe, and speak God's truth, His Word changes every area of my life!

Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom you love is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified.

John 11:1,3,4

Don't misunderstand Jesus' comment about Lazarus' sickness. He was not saying, "Lazarus' sickness isn't unto death; nevertheless, he's suffering with this sickness to bring God glory."

If we're not careful, we can get confused because we don't study the Word enough to rightly divide it. Jesus wasn't talking about the problem; He was talking about the end result. Jesus always talked about the end result. He was saying here, "The end result of this sickness will not be death but the glory of God."

Again in John 11:40, Jesus told Martha, "I told you if you'd believe, you'd see the glory of God." The sickness took Lazarus' life for a while, but his life was given back to him when Jesus raised him from the dead. Thus, Lazarus' sickness wasn't for God's glory; it was his resurrection from the dead that brought God glory. That was the end result.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that He promised). Hebrews 10:23 Notice that this verse talks about holding fast to your profession of faith. You know, if you have to hold fast to something, it usually means it's trying to get away from you. You'll find in life that one of the most difficult things to hold fast to is the confession of your faith.

People can say to you, "You look terrible. How do you feel? I know what you believe, but how do you feel?" It's so tempting to switch over into the natural realm and just spew it all out, telling people how bad you really feel, how bad it looks, and how bad the doctor's report says it's going to get. Flesh just likes to get down and wallow in that mire of doubt and self-pity, looking for sympathy.

But I'd rather have healing than sympathy. Sympathy feels good for a few seconds, but healing feels good for a long time. I can hold fast to my symptoms and get sympathy. But I'd rather hold fast to my confession of faith and get results!

Prayer:

Jesus was faithful to heal those who came to Him in faith, and He's still the same today. I hold fast to my confession that I am healed because faithful is He who has promised! God is glorified when I am healed and walking in health. The end result of my life will be to God's glory. I walk in health and run my race, and I will finish my course with joy!

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26TH

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN SAYING AND BELIEVING

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.

2 Corinthians 4:13

I heard a minister say, "Anytime you see a therefore in the Bible, stop and see what it's there for." In this verse, Paul uses the word therefore to combine the two parts of faith: "I believed and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak."

If we're going to believe something, we also have to speak it. Believing alone doesn't make it come to pass. It has to be combined with saying what God's word says.

Jesus said, "If you believe in your heart that what you say will come to pass, you'll have whatever you say." (Mark 11:23.) The truth is, we can spend a lot of time feeding on God's Word, but what we continually say is what we'll ultimately believe.

When I was growing up, I had a friend who was a chronic liar. He started out lying just to get himself out of trouble, but it eventually became a habit. He'd make up a whopper of a lie about some situation; then six months later, no one could convince him it hadn't happened that way. He'd said the lie so much that he actually believed it.

If that can be done with a lie, we should be able to do the same thing with the truth of God's Word. When we first start saying, "By Jesus' stripes I was healed," it can sound hollow. It's easy to think, I know the Bible says that by His stripes I was healed, but I feel sick from head to toe.

But as we keep saying it and saying it, soon we'll believe it no matter what we feel like. Remember "A" truth is I may have a sickness – BUT "THE" truth is that in God I am healed. All I have to do is have faith the "A" truth will soon become "THE" truth in my life.

How do we come to that place of faith? By feeding on God's Word and speaking it with your mouth. Once you believe in your heart what God says, you can declare it with the added push of faith behind your words. Then get ready, for your answer will come to pass!

Prayer:

God's Word is truth. As I continually speak His Word and believe it with my heart, His Word becomes truth in me. I believe God's truth, I declare God's truth, and I receive His very best!

THURSDAY OCTOBER 27TH

WHAT DO YOUR WORDS CARRY

The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

Ecclesiastes 10:12

Our words create an atmosphere. Words are powerful "carriers"; they carry faith, or they carry unbelief. And whatever we fill our words with will directly affect our lives.

Sit down sometime and take a look at your life. You'll find things you do like.

But if you look hard enough, you'll find some aspects of your life you don't like. Then ask yourself, "What have I been saying about those parts of my life that I don't like?"

If you don't like where you are in life, change your words. Quit saying what you're saying. Proverbs 18:21 says, "*Death and life are in the power of the tongue...*"

For instance, have you ever said, "I never get anything from God. I tried that faith stuff, but it didn't work for me"? If so, switch over to speaking words of faith: "I've been feeding on God's Word for years, and my faith is growing exceedingly. God's Word is seed planted in my heart, and it's working mightily in me!"

We are a direct result of what we've believed and said about ourselves in the past. So to make sure our future is different than our past or present, we often have to go back to the Bible and get our minds renewed and our thinking straightened out.

Once you get your *thinking* lined up with God's Word, it's amazing how easily your *believing* will line up right behind it. And after you get your *believing* straightened out, your *mouth* will straighten out! Out of the abundance of your heart, your mouth will begin to *speak* faith. (Matt. 12:34.)

You're in good shape when you have your thinking, believing, and speaking all lined up with God's Word. You're ready for your faith-filled words to carry you straight into a future of health and abundance!

Prayer:

My words are carriers of faith. They create the blessings I live in. As I speak God's Word, He renews my mind, heals my body, and gives me strength. God's Word works for me!

For we walk by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7

I once heard about a lady who was a member of a particular church and had a big, visible, cancerous growth on her face. Apparently she made a point of contact, praying and believing she received her healing. But there was no change in her appearance.

Later at a testimony service, this woman stood and said, "I want to thank God for healing me." She sat down, and people started looking at her funny. The next Sunday, she stood and said, "I want to thank God for healing me." This went on for several weeks.

Some people got upset about it, and one person said to her, "Everyone can see you're not healed. You're causing confusion. You can't keep standing up telling people you're healed."

She went home that day and stood in front of the mirror. Then she prayed, "Now, Father, in Jesus' name, I know I'm healed by the stripes of Jesus. I know what the Bible says, and I know I believe it. I'd sure appreciate it, though, if You'd get rid of these ugly symptoms as others are not as convinced as I am."

All of a sudden, while the woman was still standing in front of the mirror, that big cancers growth just fell off and hit the floor! She looked in the mirror. The area where the growth had been a moment before was now covered in fresh baby skin!

When we make a point of contact with God, believing we receive our answer, we may not immediately look different. But we don't have to look different--we just have to believe what the Bible says and then say what we believe!

Some people read the Bible and say, "I don't understand the Bible. It's Greek to me." That's why God gave us the Holy Spirit--to teach the Word to us. The reason many people have trouble understanding the Word is they never read it or they've never let the Holy Spirit be the teacher. They try to read the Bible with their own understanding and reasoning.

Every time you open your Bible, just ask the Holy Spirit to teach you. He is the Teacher of us and the Church, and He will reveal to you what is written on the pages.

Prayer:

Thank God, I'm healed! I know in my heart that when I prayed, my Father heard me and gave me the petition I asked for. I believe what the Word says I have received my healing.

MONDAY OCTOBER 31ST

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ANSWER

Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide you here ... ; and I and the lad will go up and worship, and come again to you.

Genesis 22:4-5

If you always have your eyes on the answer and consider only what God said, you'll overcome in the end, regardless of your situation. A good example of this principle is the story of Abraham.

Abraham's miracle child, Isaac, was born to him and Sarah because they "staggered not" at God's promise. But Isaac wasn't the fulfilment of the promise; he was just the means to the fulfilment of the promise. God didn't say, "I'll give you a son." He said, "I have made you the father of many nations. Your seed shall be numbered as the sands of the sea and the stars of the sky." (Gen. 17:4; 22:17.)

In Genesis 22, God told Abraham to offer Isaac as a burnt offering to Him. Abraham would have been in trouble if he'd been walking around saying, "I know I'm the father of many nations because I have a son." If he had been thinking that way, he would have responded, "Lord, I can't do that. Isaac has to live, or I can't be the father of many nations."

But Abraham was absolutely convinced God's promise had to come to pass. He believed that if he sacrificed his son, God would have to raise him from the dead to fulfil that promise. (Heb. 11:17-19.) So Abraham told the servants, "I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." He was saying, "Both of us will go up, and both of us will come back. "And both of them did!

Don't take your eyes off the answer--off Jesus and the Word--for anything, whether good or bad. Even when your body is feeling better, don't dwell on that. Keep your eyes fixed on God's promises. Say, "I know I'm healed, not because I feel good, but because the Bible says, 'By Jesus' stripes, I was healed.'"

Always keep your attention fixed on the eternal promises of God, not on the temporal circumstances of this world. Be fully persuaded that what God promised you will see come to pass!

Prayer:

Whether my body feels good or bad, I keep my attention focused on God's healing promises. Situations and circumstances must change, but the Word will never change!

And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:2

In order for the Word to work successfully, we must be sure we're following God's instructions. Many times people are deceived because they only attempt to stand on the Word and believe God for their healing. I remember some of my own early experiences. I attempted to stand on the Word. But when I first endeavoured to believe for God to heal me of the flu, the sickness didn't go away for about seven days.

All that time, I knew if I were to let the sickness run its own course, it would also take about seven days. This frustrated me, until one day I realized I'd been doing something wrong. I'd been standing on the right Scriptures. I had them all located and memorized, but the Scriptures weren't planted on the inside of me. I had some head knowledge, but my heart hadn't grasped what the Word was really saying.

What's the solution to "head knowledge faith"? Read the Word, study the Word, meditate on the Word, and confess the Word--and keep on doing it! It takes time and work to believe what God says in the face of obstacles.

It's so important to make sure the Word goes from the mental realm to your heart! As a matter of fact, the difference between victory and defeat in the Christian life is the eighteen inches between your head and your heart. Do you just mentally agree with the Word, or is the Word planted in your heart? The answer to that question determines whether or not the Word will work for you.

As long as we live in this world, problems are going to come. That's all the more reason to do what God said: "*Go to the Word.*" Grasp it, believe it, and then watch the Word go into action. God watches over His Word to perform it! (Jer. 1:12.)

Prayer:

I renew my mind with the Word and think God's thoughts. His Word is planted and rooted deep inside my heart. No matter what obstacle I face, I believe God's Word is true, and it changes my life!

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

WATCH YOUR ATTITUDE BEFORE GOD

And He [Jesus] spoke this parable ... Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican (sinner). The Pharisee stood and prayed, God, I thank you, that I am not as other men are, extortions, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

Luke 18:9-13

Jesus is trying to show us the difference between the two men's attitudes here. The Pharisee arrogantly boasted, "I do this and that and everything else, God; Your blessings belong to me now." The other man just humbly prayed, "Lord, I don't deserve anything on my own. Please just be merciful to me."

It's true we need to stand up in our righteousness. We are to come boldly before the throne of grace, believe and confess the Word and act in faith. Proverbs 28:1 says, "*The righteous are bold as a lion.*"

But we shouldn't come with an arrogant attitude, saying, "God, I'm doing everything You said to do; you owe me." We need to come and say, "Lord, I'm doing what You said in Your Word. Now I thank You for Your mercy."

God's mercy, compassion, and grace provided everything we have in Jesus Christ, and we must treat His blessings as a gift. Because of God's grace poured out upon us, we can say, "*If we believe and say what His Word says, it will come to pass.*" We are to be thankfully receptive, not arrogant about it.

So be bold when you go before God, but always keep a watch on your attitude. Remember, it's only by God's grace that you stand!

Prayer:

I go boldly before God's throne to receive my healing. I don't deserve it on my own. But, praise God, Jesus gave me His own right standing with the Father so I could receive it.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3RD

CONTROL YOUR MOUTH - CONTROL YOUR LIFE

For we all often stumble and fall and offend in many things. And if anyone does not offend in speech, he is a fully developed character and a perfect man, able to control his whole body and to curb his entire nature.

James 3:2

The truth is; we've all made mistakes. But in the last part of this verse, James says, *"If you can control your mouth, you can control your body and your entire nature."* That's a strong statement!

James gives us more information about the tongue: *"If we set bits in the horses' mouths to make them obey us, we can turn their whole bodies about."* Now, I'm not a horseman, but I know horses are too big to grab around the neck and pull around wherever you want. However, if you can put a bit in a horse's mouth, you can control the direction it goes.

James continues: *"Likewise, look at the ships: though they are so great and are driven by rough winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the impulse of the helmsman determines"*. Ships are big, and winds are strong. But when you control the rudder, you control where the ship goes.

Think about it this way: A horse wants to go a particular direction by its own inner will. A ship has no will, but outside forces, such as the wind and waves, try to drive it. So, putting a bit in a horse's mouth and directing a ship by its rudder are examples of controlling both inside desires and outside forces.

Apply this to your own life. The problem you face may come from within--a resistant will, the lusts of the flesh, and so forth. Or outside forces, such as symptoms of sickness, may be coming against you. Either way, the principle holds true: As you control your mouth, you can control yourself--inside and out!

Prayer:

By the words of my mouth, I control the direction of my life. I speak only what God says about me and my circumstances, so I'm headed straight toward victory to **advance the gospel!**

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

A TREASURE HIDDEN FOR US - ENTER INTO REST

For only we who believe God can enter into his place of rest.

Hebrews 4:3

When you're in a difficult situation and you need a miracle, locate what you believe. Do you believe what God's Word says? Or do you believe what people or circumstances say?

Hebrews 4:3 says, "*We which have believed do enter into rest.*" Belief produces rest, and what you hear determines what you believe.

So if you see you haven't entered into the rest of faith, don't waste your time feeling condemned, discouraged, or upset about it. Just realize your belief isn't strong enough to produce rest.

What do you do? Find out what the Word of God says about your situation. Search for Scriptures that cover your case. Feed on the Word at every opportunity because hearing produces belief.

Some people say, "Well, when I have time, I'll do that." But if you maintain that attitude, you'll never have time.

If you need healing, listen to good healing messages again and again. Read good books on healing. Don't just read the books once and set them down; read them from cover to cover several times until you are full of the Word on healing. Then out of the abundance of your heart, your mouth will speak. (Matt.12:34.) You'll find yourself saying, "It's so good to be healed!"

And when someone asks, "Do you feel better? Are the symptoms gone?" you'll say "I haven't checked, but I know I'm healed because the Bible says it. I don't care what anybody says. God says healing is mine, and I have whatever God says!"

Remember, hearing produces belief, belief produces rest, and the rest of faith produces results!

Prayer:

The Word of God is firmly lodged down in my heart, and I enter into rest. God's Word is greater inside me than what I see with my natural you. It's so good to be healed!



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