

The Proof & Promise of Healing Prayer

First Methodist Church of Tulsa

Spring 2024

(No Meeting: 2/14, 3/20, 3/27)

MARK 10:52

And Jesus said to him, "Go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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I. OVERVIEW & SCOPE

Miracles of healing characterized Jesus' earthly ministry. But in recent years, the church has seen this promise of healing used and abused by church leaders.

Does that mean that we should abandon the power of healing prayer? Or is the promise of healing still available to believers today?

Join Pastor Todd as he explores the biblical witness of healing prayer and how believers can faithfully pray for healing while avoiding the dangerous extremes of cynicism and blind faith.

II. READINGS & RESOURCES

The Holy Bible, any modern translation (*Tell Pastor Todd if you need a bible*)

Greig, Pete. *How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People*. NavPress, 2019.

Jennings, Daniel R. *The Supernatural Occurrences of John Wesley*. Sean Multimedia, 2005.

Johnson, Bill and Randy Clark. *The Essential Guide to Healing: Equipping All Christians to Pray for the Sick*. Chosen Publishing, 2011.

Seamands, Stephen. *Follow the Healer: Biblical and Theological Foundations for Healing Ministry*. Seedbed, 2023.

Staton, Tyler. *Praying like Monks, Living like Fools*. Zondervan, 2022.

The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds. Pantianos, 2022.

Wimber, John and Kevin Springer. *Power Healing*. HarperOne, 1987.

III. SESSION SCHEDULE

Jan 17 | Session 1: Course Overview & Introduction

THE PROOF OF HEALING PRAYER

Jan 24 | Session 2: Healing in the Old Testament

- Read Genesis 20
- *Healing in the Old Testament (Power Healing, 244)*
- *Healing in the Old Testament (Healing the Sick, 201-224)*

Jan 31 | Session 3: Healing in the New Testament

- Read Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37; Acts 2:42-47
- *An Overview of the Healing Ministry of Jesus (Power Healing, 245)*
- *The Healing Ministry of the Disciples (Power Healing, 247)*
- *Healing in the Book of Acts (Healing the Sick, 137-178)*
- *Physical Healing in the Epistles (Healing the Sick, 179-200)*

Feb 7 | Session 4: Why does Jesus heal?

- Read Matt. 8:14-17; Matt. 4:23-25; Matt. 11:1-6; Matt. 14:14
- *Why Does Jesus Heal? (Power Healing, 3-58)*
- *Unbelieving Believers and Believing Unbelievers (Essential Guide, 87-110)*
- *Unanswered Prayer (How to Pray, 113-130)*
- *Embracing the Mystery of Healing (Follow the Healer, 94-111)*

Feb 14 | Ash Wednesday (No Class)

Feb 21 | Session 5: What does Jesus heal?

- Read Mark 1 & 2, Note the different types of healing listed in these two chapters
- *Demons at Home and Abroad, (Healing Ministry, 179-206)*
- *What Does Jesus Heal? (Power Healing, 59-167)*

Feb 28 | Session 6: How does Jesus heal?

- Read Matt. 9, Note the different ways that Jesus heals in this chapter
- *The Most Important Truth in Physical Healing (Healing the Sick, 1-11)*
- *Let's Believe the Works of Jesus (Healing Ministry, 155-178)*
- *The Five Ways Jesus Heals (Follow the Healer, 37-59)*

THE PROMISE OF HEALING PRAYER

Mar 6 | Session 7: Healing and the Love of God

- Read Matt. 14:13-14; Matt. 20:29-34; John 11:33-44
- *Healing and the Love of Jesus (Follow the Healer, 20-36)*
- *By His Wounds We are Healed (Follow the Healer, 112-130)*

Mar 13 | Session 8: Healing and the Image of God

- *Read Genesis 1 & 2; Col. 1:15; Rom. 8:29*
 - *Healing and the Image of God (Follow the Healer, 60-76)*
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Mar 20 | Spring Break (No Class)

- *Take time to journal, catch up on readings, and review your notes from previous sessions*

Mar 27 | Holy Week (No Class)

- *Join us for Holy Week services*
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Apr 3 | Session 9: Healing and the Kingdom of God

- *Read Matt. 4:23-25; Mark 3:23-27; Luke 4:14-21*
- *Healing and the Kingdom of God (Essential Guide, 111-128)*
- *Living the Lifestyle of the Kingdom (Healing Ministry, 91-112)*
- *Jesus, Healing, and the Kingdom of God (Follow the Healer, 77-93)*
- *On Earth as It Is in Heaven (Praying like Monks, 91-114)*

Apr 10 | Session 10: Healing and the Body of Christ

- *Read Acts 5:12-16; Acts 9:10-19; Acts 19:8-20*
- *The Gifts of the Spirit Today (Essential Guide, 55-86)*
- *Healing and the Authority of the Believer (Essential Guide, 129-142)*
- *Intercession: How to Ask God for Others (How to Pray, 93-112)*
- *Passing the Power (Healing Ministry, 113-132)*

Apr 17 | Session 11: A Step-by-Step Guide to Healing Prayer

- *Read Mark 9:14-29*
- *How does Jesus heal through us? (Power Healing, 167-235)*
- *The Power of the Testimony (Essential Guide, 161-172)*
- *Words of Knowledge for Healing (Essential Guide, 191-212)*
- *The Holy Spirit and Healing (Follow the Healer, 131-148)*

THE PRACTICE OF HEALING PRAYER

TBA | Bonus Session: Encounter – A Service of Hope & Healing

Apr 24 | Session 12: Reflection, & Testimony

- *We'll share reflections and testimonies about what we've learned and experienced*

IV. KINGSWOOD ASSIGNMENT *(optional)*

Write a 3-5 page paper answering these five questions about Healing Prayer. Use Biblical examples and Theological concepts to support your answers.

1. *What is the role of healing in the biblical narrative?*
2. *How are prayer and healing connected in the biblical narrative?*
3. *Is healing prayer a reality for the church today?*
4. *How should a person pray for healing?*
5. *How do we handle unanswered prayers?*

Papers should be double spaced and use a 12 pt serif font (*i.e. Times New Roman, Cambria, Merriweather, etc.*). Be sure to use footnotes to cite sources (*author, publication, page number*). Submit papers via email to toddlovell@tulsafmc.org by **April 30, 2024**.