

# The Book of Acts

## Healing, Part II

**Acts 5:12-13 (NIV)** “The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon’s Colonnade. <sup>13</sup>No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. “

**Acts 5:14-15 (NIV)** “Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. <sup>15</sup>As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.”

**Acts 5:16 (NIV)** “Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.”

### Why God heals people?

**Acts 10:38 (NIV)** “. . . [Jesus] went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil . . .”

### Jesus expects His followers to do what He did!

**John 14:12 (NIV)** “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”

## Is there a formula we are supposed to follow?

### The shadow method.

**Acts 5:15 (NIV)** “. . . people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them . . .”

### The helping hand method.

**Acts 3:7<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** “Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up . . .”

### The command method.

**Acts 9:40<sub>b</sub> (NIV)** “Turning toward the dead woman, he said, ‘Tabitha, get up.’ She opened her eyes . . .”

### The handkerchief and apron method.

**Acts 19:11-12 (NIV)** “God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, <sup>12</sup>so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.”

### The body slam method.

**Acts 20:10,12 (NIV)** “Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. ‘Don’t be alarmed,’ he said. ‘He’s alive!’ <sup>12</sup>The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.”

### The laying on of hands method.

**Acts 28:7-8 (NIV)** “There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and for three days entertained us hospitably. <sup>8</sup>His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him.”

## **The oil method.**

**James 5:14-15 (NIV)** “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. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up.”

## **Healing is not about a formula but based on the power of God!**

### **1. Pray humbly.**

**2 Timothy 4:20 (NIV)** “I left Trophimus sick in Miletus.”

**Galatians 4:13 (NIV)** “. . . it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you.”

**1 Timothy 5:23 (NIV)** “. . . frequent illnesses.”

### **2. Pray with faith.**

**Matthew 13:58 (NIV)** “And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.”

**Mark 9:21-22 (NIV)** “Jesus asked the boy’s father, ‘How long has he been like this?’ ‘From childhood,’ he answered. <sup>22</sup>‘It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.’”

**Mark 9:23-24 (NIV)** “‘If you can?’” said Jesus. ‘Everything is possible for one who believes.’ <sup>24</sup>Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, ‘I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!’”

### **3. Pray persistently.**

**Mark 8:23-25 (NIV)** “He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man’s eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, ‘Do you see anything?’ <sup>24</sup>He looked up and said, ‘I see people; they look like trees walking around.’ <sup>25</sup>Once more Jesus put his hands on the man’s eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.”