

Why God Doesn't Heal

Those Not Healed in Scripture

1 **Timothy** 5:23 – "Stop drinking only water, and use a **little wine** because of your **stomach** and **your frequent illnesses**."

Paul's companions - 2 Tim 4:20 | left Trophimus sick in Miletus.

Speaking of **Epaphroditus**: Phil 2: 26 ... and is distressed because you heard **he was ill.** 27 Indeed he was ill, **and almost died.**

Paul Himself – reason to believe his eyesight failing, (see what big letters I use)

WE Are Going To Look At:

3 Reasons God Doesn't Heal:

Unbelief
 Backsliding & Sin
 God's Timing & Sovereignty

Practical Advice if you:

- Need Healing
- Want to Pray for others to be healed
- Just Aren't Getting healed from long-term disease
- Lost your healing and are confused
- Angry at God, He didn't heal

1. Unbelief & No Faith

- Mark 6:5-6 5 "He could not do any miracles there, except lay hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6 He was amazed at their lack of faith."
- Matthew 13:58 "did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith."
- Mark 3 man with withered hand, Jesus picks him out of crowd
- Pool of Bethesda John 5 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

⁷ "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred.

1. Unbelief – Faith

Matt 9:27-29 two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" 28 "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied.
29 "According to your faith let it be done to you"

Jas 4:2 "You have not because you ask not"

Pray Believing Prayers – Be specific

Common Sources of Unbelief

Cessationist

- Gifts stopped with Apostles or canonization of scripture
- Healing is not for today

Liberal Churches

- Deny Jesus is THE way
- Deny He is the ONLY Way to heaven
- Commands are relative & Optional

World View

- Science is truth, therefore miracles can't be real
- We are evolved in our thinking, we are enlightened

Where's Your Faith Level?

- Little or No Faith Mark 9:17-29 & Matt 17:20
 - Boy with seizures Father comes
 - <u>I believe help me in my unbelief</u>
 - Mustard Seed Faith move mountains
- **Some** Faith Mark 1:40-42
 - Man with Leprosy If you are willing
- Great Faith Matt 8:5-13
 - Centurion "Just say the word, I too am a man under authority"
 - No one in Israel has such great faith
- Reckless Faith Mark 10:46-52
 - Blind Bartimaeus <u>Yelling shouting</u> this is my healing my day NOW!
 - Woman Issue of blood just touch Him "Your faith has made you well

Who Needs to Have Faith?

 Luke 18:8 – 8 when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

So Who Had Faith?

- The one praying
- The parent of the demon possessed child –
- The person needing healing
- The employer! Really!!!
- The friends

God Is Looking For Faith – Anywhere!

He Responds to Faith No Matter How Small

2. Backsliding / Sin

Psalm 74:9-11 ⁹ "We are given no signs from God; no prophets are left, and none of us knows how long this will be. ¹⁰ How long will the enemy mock you, God? Will the foe revile your name forever? ¹¹ Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand? Take it from the folds of your garment..."

• Psalm 77:10-14 ¹⁰ Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand. ¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. ¹² I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds."

• ¹³ Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? ¹⁴ You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.

Stepping From Under His Kingdom

1 Cor 11:27-32 27 So then, whoever **eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord**. 28 Everyone ought to **examine themselves** before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 29 For those who eat and drink **without discerning the body** of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. 30 That is why many among **you are weak and sick**, and a number of you **have fallen asleep**.

1 John 1:6 - ⁶ "If we claim to have fellowship with Him, yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth."

3. His Timing & Sovereignty

There are times when there is no reason why we are healed & There are times when there is no reason why we are not healed

His Timing & Sovereignty

- Peter & James Peter is miraculously delivered from prison
- James is beheaded

- One more holy than the other?
- One more sinful than the other?
- NO the Mystery of His Sovereignty

Our earthly human perspective clouds our understanding of His eternal perspective

God Does NOT Give You Sickness!

 Acts 10:38 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.

Paul's Thorn in The Flesh

- **Thorns** Numbers 33:55, Joshua 23:13 2 Sam 23:6 are situations and people resisting you
- Paul's Thorn in the Flesh 2 Cor 12:1-10 Let passage interpret itself
- 2 Cor 12:10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
- Messenger of satan was resistance to his work
- OR Raise the dead, plant churches across the known world, healing, establishing the early church. Revelation of teaching, visited 3rd Heaven, heard mysteries, understanding of OT, in the light of Jesus. Oh, and have your writing occupy 40% of the NT!

Sovereignty & Faith

Heb 11

³⁶ Some faced jeers and **flogging**, and even **chains** and **imprisonment**. ³⁷ They were put to **death by stoning**; they were **sawed in two**; they were **killed by the sword**. They went about in **sheepskins** and goatskins, destitute, **persecuted** and **mistreated** ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them, ... living in **caves** and **holes** in the ground

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since <u>God had planned</u> something better for us

Good News!

- God takes what the enemy meant for evil and turns it to your advantage Rom 8:28 All things work together for good
- Did Jesus ever GIVE someone an illness?
- He came that we might have life & have it to the full John 10:10
- He came to "Bring healing to all who were oppressed by the devil" Act 10:38

TRUST!

- Job loses everything including his health
- NOTE, not God who gave Job the illness, and calamity,
- Devil had to ask for permission!
- Wife "curse God and die" Job 2:9
- Job "Yet He slay me I will trust Him"
- Moment of Victory returned many times over

Loss

"The backslider in heart will always judge God by what He didn't do, "But those who run with tenderness for who He is will always define Him by what He has said, what He has promised and what He has done," he added.

This is a Mystery, we have the privilege of carrying. Bill Johnson

Where Are You?

Need Healing

 Respond to Words of Knowledge – Ask for Elders to pray – LG pray – You Pray

Never Prayed for Others

- It's a command Don't get worked up Step out of God's way He heal
 Long term illness
- Don't give up Do get prayer what enemy meant for evil God turns for good

Still Angry – God didn't come through

 Be real – then approach with a tender heart – "Though you slay me I will TRUST you.

Lost your healing

Returned to destructive habits – Oh I just got better – testimony & gratitude

Spiritual Warfare

- Jesus "ALL authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me, therefore" Matt 28:18
- Judges 3 test all those Israelites who had not experienced any of the wars in Canaan 2 (he did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience)

I can't give you my experience of spiritual warfare, You have to learn to win your own battles of faith

Fakes symptoms so you think you aren't healed, but you definitely were

- Not mind over matter, not denial, need discernment gift of HS
- Just try it. Command them to leave

There are inexplicable reasons why some get healed. There are equally inexplicable reasons why some don't get healed.

WE Are NOT God But Like Job – "Though He slaw me I will TRUST Him"

The more we pray for the sick the more get healed!

