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- If you aren't healed, then:
  - You don't have enough faith.
  - You have sin you need to repent of.

God can and does  
heal today!



# Why God Heals



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**Matthew 14:13-14** – When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a secluded place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. And when Jesus landed, He saw a great multitude; and He was **moved with compassion** for them, and healed their sick.

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**Matthew 20:30-34** – Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want Me to do for you?” He asked.

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“Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.” **Jesus had compassion on them** and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed Him.

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**Mark 1:40-42** – A man with leprosy 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.” As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

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**Luke 7:11-15** – Soon afterwards He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd. Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.

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When the Lord saw her, **He felt compassion for her**, and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

**If you want to be used by  
God in healing others,  
ask God to help you feel His  
compassion for them.**





**God is in the  
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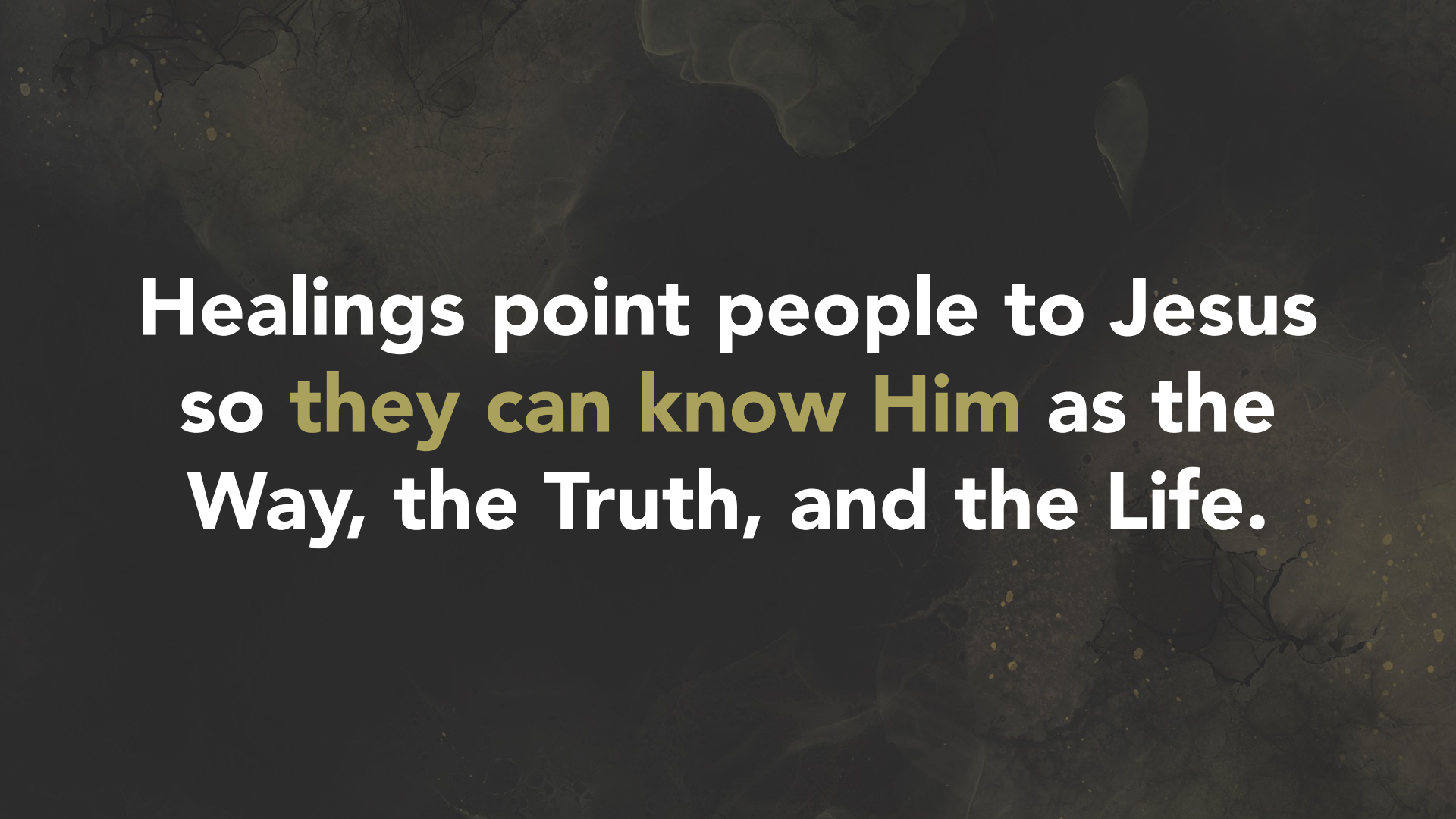
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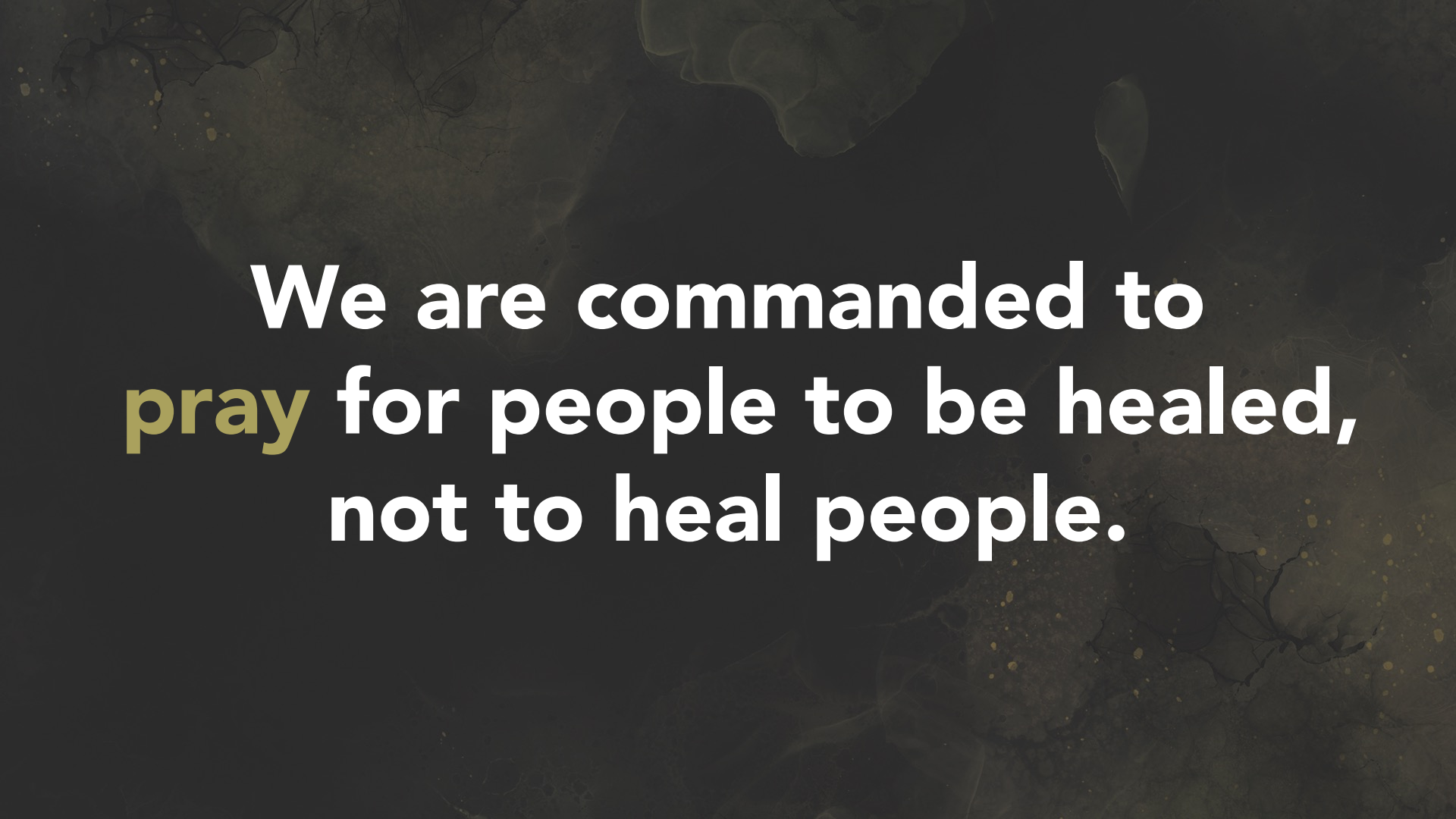
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- **Luke 17:18** – “Was no one found who returned to **give glory to God**, except this foreigner?”

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- **Acts 3:12-13** – “Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, **has glorified His servant Jesus.**”



**Healings point people to Jesus  
so **they can know Him** as the  
**Way, the Truth, and the Life.****



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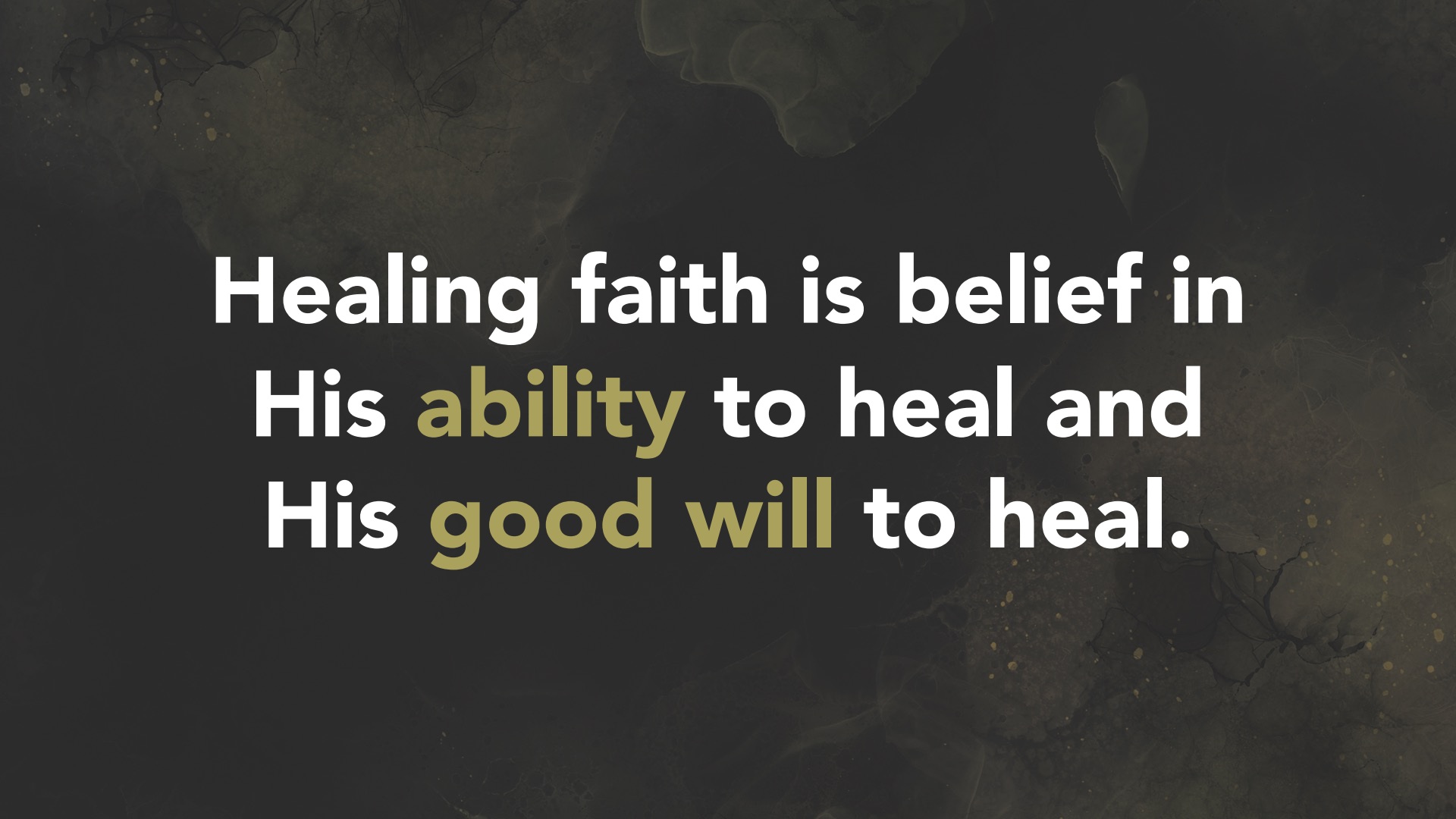
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**Acts 14:8-10** – In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that **he had faith to be healed** and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

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**Matthew 8:2-3** – A man with leprosy came and bowed down before Him and said, “Lord, **if you are willing, you can make me clean.**” Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean.” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.



Healing faith is belief in  
His **ability** to heal and  
His **good will** to heal.



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