

I Don't Know What I Believe
Healing

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James 5:13-15 Is anyone among you **in trouble**? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

3 Observations:

- ✓ God still heals people.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Isaiah 55:8-9 My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be **has not yet appeared**; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall **see him as he is**.

Hebrews 11:39-40 These were all commended for their faith, yet **none of them received what had been promised**, since **God had planned something better** for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

2 Timothy 4:18 The **Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom**. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- ✓ God is more concerned about my soul.

Matthew 10:28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

- ✓ God wants me to grow in faith.

Key Thought: We are concerned about what is happening to us, God is concerned about what is happening in us.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

James 5:17-18 Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

Journey of Faith:

1. Faith begins with a Word from God.

1 Kings 17:1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

Romans 10:17 NKJV So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

2. Faith continues regardless of what I see.

1 Kings 18:43-44 “Go and look toward the sea,” he told his servant. And he went up and looked. “There is nothing there,” he said. Seven times Elijah said, “**Go back.**” The seventh time the servant reported, “A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea.” So Elijah said, “Go and tell Ahab, ‘Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.’”

Hebrews 10:35-36 So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! **Patient endurance** is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. “For **in just a little while**, the Coming One will come and not delay. And my righteous ones will **live by faith**. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away.

3. Faith goes from a small beginning to a grand finale.

1 Kings 18:45-46 Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. The power of the LORD came upon Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.

Zechariah 4:10 NLT Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin...”

Walk Away: Healing is all about the process.