

JESUS: MORE THAN A MAN

THE HEALER

Main Text:

The Lord has shown me so much content regarding healing this week. I am going to attempt to communicate what I believe to be a Biblical approach to a very controversial topic.

Let me shout is very loud and clear.... Jesus is still in the healing business.

Exodus 15:26 - I am the Lord that heals you - HEALS not healed

heals - raphah - to mend(stiching), to cure, to heal, physicians, to repair throughly, to make whole.

He heals - Naturally, Medically, Supernaturally

Naturally - you ever cut your finger? Did it naturally heal on its on.

Medically - ever hand minor surgery, major surgery, cosmetic surgery

Supernaturally - Miracles of Jesus - personal testimony.

Matthew 14:14 - Jesus is moved with compassion and heals the sick in the crowd.

Mark 1:21-45

We don't struggle if He can or if He is able, but will He heal me and when.

Matthew 4:23-26

Sickness - feeling - not feeling well.

Disease - what a doctor diagnosis - don't know what the root cause of it is, but know it's there - often times disease is incureable.

Because it is incurable doesn't mean it is unhealable.

Genetics - my granddaddy, my daddy, now me.

Be reGENERated - bind the fear off of you and your mind.

Titus - 3:3-5 - reGENERate - renewal, renovation, the production of new.

Spirit of fear - google.

Spirit of Infirmity - spiritual issue that hasn't been dealt with - demonic activity.

Infirmity can be of the body or of the soul.

Every sickness is not a spirit, but every sickness is not just a sickness.

He can't heal your body until he deals with the mind - unforgiveness, bitterness.

Infirmity - he took the thing that caused me to be sick and feeble.

He bore our sickness - carried

Isaiah 53:4-6

Carried our affliction

He was broken for my my sin.

All of us will face suffering.

We are all only a phone call away from our life changing forever.

We will get sick.

We will lose loved ones.

Trials will come.

And we don't know when suffering will hit us.

Our stories

John Johnson's story

Joni Erickson Tada story

There has been a divided camp in the pentecostal movement regarding the topic of healing. They don't get along often regarding this topic.

One tells us how to pray for healing, and the other tells us how to respond when God doesn't heal.

There is much we can learn from both of these camps.

We need both.

We see a balanced approach played out in the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, in Daniel 3.

You remember the characters of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from Sunday School, but this Bible story has direct implications for how we think about healing and how we pray for healing.

King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden image and demanded that the people of God, who had been exiled to Babylon, worship it. Three of God's servants who had been put in a place of authority in Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—refused. When the King threatened to throw them in a fiery furnace because of their disobedience, they responded by saying:

“Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up. (Daniel 3:17-18)”

Our God can save us.

We believe that the Lord will save us.

and even if He doesn't, we will still praise the name of the Lord.

This will be my testimony with every storm that I enter and every trial I face. Every report from the doctor and lie from the enemy I will always default to praise in the storm.

- **The Lord Can - God is sovereign. He is the Creator of all things, He is the Sustainer of all things, He has the power to do whatever He wills. Whatever suffering we are facing, we know that God has the power to intervene and to redeem and heal our pain and brokenness. Colossians 1:16-17 says, “For by him [Christ] all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”**

- **The Lord Will - God is not only all-powerful, He is also personal. He loves us and cares about us. He bends His ear to the cries of His people. God invites us to pray to Him and tells us that he will answer our prayers. **Psalm 34:17 says, “When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.”****
- **If He Doesn’t - God is good. We can see throughout the Scriptures, as He reveals who He is and what he is about, that God is a loving Father who knows best and wants what is best for His children. He is for you and not against you. We can trust that if He chooses not to bring healing to us that He knows something we don’t know—and that one day He will end suffering and death once and for all. **As Jesus pointed out, “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” (Matthew 7:11).****

We pray the prayer of faith by faith. We leave the results up to Him.

Remember the man that had the friends that lowered him down through the roof in **Mark 2:3-11.**

A few chapters later we see there fiasco with the disciples in **Mark 9:14-29 not being able to heal the mute boy.**

We get in the way.....

Prayer and Fasting - sometimes you need to give some stuff up.

What the Lord showed me about inflammation in the body.

Healing Blockers: Unforgiveness - Bitterness - Generation unforgiveness - Anger - Whose around you.

Where we miss it - if it be your will. You pray the prayer of faith and leave the results to God.

We pray by faith and we receive our healing *by Faith*

To receive our healing by faith, we speak faith.

We speak faith by speaking the Word of God.

We pray it.

We confess it.

We profess it.

We declare it.

And we do that until we receive it. Until we have manifestation of our healing.

Do you want to be healed? Do you believe it is God's will to heal you? Start speaking it out of your mouth!

Don't try to figure out the timing.

What if you healing is found in death.

SEEK HIS FACE NOT HIS HAND!!

DECLARE BY FAITH AND LEAVE THE RESULTS TO HIM.

DON'T TRY TO FIGURE IT OUT - HIS WAYS ARE HIGHER AND HIS THOUGHTS ARE HIGHER.

HIS TIMING IS PERFECT - JOHN 11:4

You spoke over others from a distance and when the family got there they were healed, why not this one!?!

BUT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

SOMETIMES YOUR HEALING IS DEPENDENT UPON YOU OBEDIENCE LIKE THE MAN HE SEND TO THE POOL OF SILOAM. - JOHN 9:1-7

From *Beauty of The Balance* by Terry Tramel:

Consider the following as just a sample of biblical reasons why the believer in Christ may expect at times to experience various forms of suffering:

1. For the sake of the ministry. The Lord Jesus spoke to Ananias in Damascus and shared with him about the future the newly converted Saul would have in living for Him: "For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name" (Acts 9:16). The record of Paul's writings

reveals this indeed became his lifestyle and legacy (2 Cor. 11:16-33). Paul, like millions of other Christians in history, did not suffer less because of his relationship to Christ, but rather suffered more. An associate of Paul by the name of Epaphroditus also exemplifies this kind of suffering (Phil. 2:25-30).

2. To be able to minister to others. In one of his letters to the Corinthians, Paul began by telling them about the “God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God” (2 Cor. 1:3-4). A close reading of this text reveals that evidently the Lord allows His followers to go through troubled times so that they might in turn be able to help others in similar tribulations. If Christians were exempt from all of life’s afflictions, how could they relate or minister credibly to the hurting masses? Because of this blessing of suffering, believers are able to truly say, “I know how you feel,” to those who are in the throes of affliction.

3. Because of personal sin. Sometimes suffering does exist because of a person’s choice to sin. There is a possibility the lame man whom Jesus healed at Bethesda is in that condition because of some personal transgression. Jesus’ last words to him hint at this: “Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you” (John 5:14) Some in the Corinthian congregation abused the Lord’s Supper, which brought sickness and even death to a number of them (1 Cor. 11:30). These examples certainly do not imply that all suffering is a result of personal sin. When James gave instructions about the sick calling for the elders of the church to pray, he added “And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven” (James 5:15). Notably, James said “if” rather than “since” in this admonition.

4. To provide an opportunity for God’s glory. Jesus’ disciples struggled with the issue of theodicy in their day. On one occasion, they asked the Lord who had sinned in causing a man to be born blind. In their minds, either he or his parents must have caused his physical condition with their spiritual choices. Jesus’ answered emphatically, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him” (John 9:3). His response indicated that this man’s suffering gave the Lord an opportunity to do something that had not been done (John 9:32). Likewise, believers also at times experience hardships to become participants in a grander work of God.

5. Because of the Edenic curse. The simple fact of life on this planet is that suffering comes to all of its inhabitants. The Bible records examples of good and godly men who had also suffered for no apparent reason other than such is common to humankind. Examples of these include King Asa, who had previously brought a restoration of righteousness back to Judah during his reign (2 Chron. 14:9-15). Toward the end of this king’s life the chronicler wrote:

In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet, and his disease became severe. Yet even in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but sought help from physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, dying in the forty-first year of his reign (2 Chron. 16:12-13).

Scripture On Healing To Declare!

Matthew 10 gives us a very clear picture: *“And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.... These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: ‘Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give’”* (Matthew 10:1, 5-8, NKJV).

Luke 10 tells us more: *“Now after this the Lord chose and appointed seventy others and sent them out ahead of Him, two by two, into every town and place where He Himself was about to come (visit)”* (Luke 10:1, AMPC).

Then Jesus goes on to say: *“The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.... And heal the sick that are therein”* (Luke 10:2-9, KJV).

From these Scriptures, there should be no doubt, no argument, no wondering whether it is God’s will to heal the sick. These verses give you the assurance needed that it is God’s will to heal you. God is for you, and He wants you to settle this in your heart, so you can receive your healing!

The Misuse of Praying, *“If it be Your will...”*

If all this is true—and it is—then why do some people pray with the phrase, “If it be Your will, God, please heal...”? Perhaps, they get this phrase from when Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, right before He was to be arrested and eventually hung on the cross. He prayed to His heavenly Father saying, *“If it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done”* (Luke 22:42, NKJV).

It’s important to understand that Jesus wasn’t praying about healing. He wasn’t asking His heavenly Father to heal His body, because He wasn’t sick. Rather, He was fully the Son of God who knew what He was about to experience as fully man—His crucifixion. As Kenneth Copeland has said, *“Jesus still had flesh, but the glory of God was flowing in His veins. He poured His blood out on the heavenly mercy seat so that we could be healed and well.”*

Nowhere in Scripture did Jesus demonstrate for us to pray, “If it be Your will,” in relationship to healing; therefore, it should not be a part of how we pray when we ask God to heal us. Rather, we should pray according to, and in alignment with, the Word of God.

Understand it is appointed unto man once to die. We will die or go in the catching up.

Jesus Is Willing To Heal You Today

Jesus is willing to heal you—no matter your affliction.

In **Luke 5**, He healed a man who had a stroke, something we might think isn’t reversible.

In **John 5**, He healed the man who had laid by the pool of Bethesda for 38 years. How long you’ve been sick doesn’t matter.

In **Luke 8**, He healed a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years, who’d spent her savings on medical treatment, who risked it all to reach Him. However your condition makes you feel mentally, emotionally or physically doesn’t matter. Jesus cares about you in every way—and it is His will to heal you. Even if it’s a miracle that you need.

As **Proverbs 4:22** tells us, “For they [God’s Words] are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh” (NKJV).

Declare over yourself. Don’t seek the healing. Seek The Healer, Jesus. Worship Him.

1. I Am The Healed

“Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole.” (Isaiah 53:4-5, AMPC).

2. The Spirit of Life Lives in Me

“And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you” (Romans 8:10-11, NKJV).

Personalize This Confession: “Christ lives in me. The Spirit of Life lives in me. And because the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in me, He gives life to my body. He raises me up. I can stand, walk, run, leap and give God glory with my body. In Jesus’ Name.”

3. Jesus Heals All My Diseases

“Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s” (Psalm 103:1-5, NKJV).

4. I Will Live and Not Die

“I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the LORD” (Psalm 118:17, NKJV).

“I will not die, but I shall live and declare the works of the Lord. I am the healed, from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. My body and all its parts line up with the Word of God. My body comes into alignment with God and His Word, and I live strong, fit, healthy and full of vitality. In Jesus’ Name.”

5. God Will Satisfy Me With Long Life

“With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation” (Psalm 91:16, NKJV).

“Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be many” (Proverbs 4:10, NKJV)