

## Radical Faith – Palm Sunday Healing Service

### Small group and Personal Study Guide

#### 5-Day Bible Reading Plan: Walking in Divine Healing

##### Day 1: God Reveals Himself as Our Healer

**Reading: Exodus 15:22-26**

**Devotional:**

God declares, "I am the Lord who heals you." This divine name reveals His very nature—He is Jehovah Rapha, our Great Physician. The Hebrew word for "heals" means to repair, rebuild, and make whole. What areas of your life need divine mending today? Perhaps physical ailments trouble you, or emotional wounds need restoration. God doesn't merely treat symptoms; He rebuilds from the foundation. His healing encompasses body, soul, and spirit. As you meditate on this truth, recognize that healing isn't just something God does—it's who He is. When you call upon the Lord, you're calling upon the One whose very essence is restoration and wholeness.

**Reflection Question:** What specific area of sickness or brokenness can you surrender to Jehovah Rapha today?

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##### Day 2: Distinguishing God's Work from the Enemy's

**Reading:**

**Devotional: Luke 13:10-17**

Jesus clearly identifies the source of affliction when He says this woman was bound by Satan for eighteen years. This passage draws a stark line: God heals; satan afflicts. The crippled woman couldn't straighten herself, yet Jesus spoke freedom and touched her with healing power. Notice Jesus called her "a daughter of Abraham"—a covenant term reminding us that healing belongs to God's children. The religious leader criticized the timing, but Jesus prioritized compassion over tradition. Today, recognize that sickness is an unjust oppression, not God's will for your life. Jesus came to loosen you from every bond.

**Reflection Question:** What lies have you believed about sickness and healing that need to be replaced with truth?

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### **Day 3: The Tangible Power of God**

**Reading: Luke 6:17-19; Acts 10:38**

#### **Devotional:**

Power literally flowed from Jesus to heal all who touched Him. This wasn't metaphorical—it was tangible, transferable, supernatural energy that responded to faith. The Greek word for "power" indicates controlling influence that manifests supernaturally changing the natural realm. God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power to do good and to heal all who were oppressed by the devil. That same Spirit dwells in believers today. God's power always responds to faith. The multitudes didn't come wondering if they might be healed; they came expecting. Their faith created the atmosphere for power to flow. Are you approaching God with expectant faith or doubtful wondering? Position yourself today to receive, believing that divine power is available to heal.

**Reflection Question:** How can you cultivate greater expectancy when approaching God for healing?

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### **Day 4: The Foundation of Laying On of Hands**

**Reading: Hebrews 6:1-2; Mark 16:15-18**

#### **Devotional:**

The laying on of hands isn't a mysterious ritual—it's a foundational doctrine of the faith. Jesus commissioned every believer with this authority: "They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." Notice the certainty: not "might recover" but "will recover." This practice appears throughout Scripture as a primary method of transferring God's healing power. Jesus laid hands on every sick person brought to Him. The apostles continued this practice, seeing remarkable healings. The greater the faith in both the minister and recipient, the greater the flow of power. This isn't about the person's ability but about God's willingness working through surrendered vessels. You are called to both receive and give healing through this simple act of obedience.

**Reflection Question:** Who in your life needs the healing power of God through the laying on of hands?

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### **Day 5: Maintaining Faith for Manifestation**

**Reading: Acts 3:1-10; Acts 28:7-9**

#### **Devotional:**

Peter and Paul demonstrated that healing comes "in the name of Jesus Christ." The lame man at the Beautiful Gate received strength immediately, but not everyone experiences instant manifestation. Some are healed "as they are going"—the healing unfolds progressively. What matters is maintaining faith regardless of the timeline. The father of Publius was healed when Paul prayed and laid hands on him. Your role is to come in faith, receive prayer with expectancy, and continue believing as the healing manifests in God's perfect timing. Don't allow doubt to steal what God has already provided through Christ's stripes. Stand firm on the truth that by His wounds you were healed. Your healing is not dependent on feelings but on the finished work of Jesus.

**Reflection Question:** What promises of God will you stand on while waiting for complete manifestation of your healing?

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#### **Closing Prayer:**

*Lord, I thank You that You are Jehovah Rapha, my healer. I reject every work of the enemy and receive Your healing power by faith. I declare that by the stripes of Jesus, I am healed. Strengthen my faith to receive and maintain the healing You've provided. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

### **Radical Faith - Scripture References from our Palm Sunday Service.**

#### **Explicitly Mentioned References:**

1. Exodus 15:26
2. Luke 13:10-16
3. Acts 10:38
4. Luke 6:17-19

5. Hebrews 6:1,2
  6. Mark 16:15-18
  7. Luke 4:40,41
  8. Acts 5:12
  9. Acts 28:8
  10. Acts 3:6,7
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**Opening Prayer:** Begin your group time by inviting the Holy Spirit to be present and asking God to increase faith for healing in each member's life.

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**Ice Breaker:** Share a time when you or someone you know experienced physical healing. What impact did that experience have on your faith?

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### **Key Takeaways from the Sermon:**

#### **1. God's Nature as Healer**

God identifies Himself as "the Lord who heals you." The Hebrew word means to repair, rebuild, recover, make whole, mend, or sew together—revealing God's nature as our physician.

#### **2. The Source of Healing vs. Sickness**

- Healing comes from God and is good.
- Sickness comes from satan and is oppression.
- Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil, including sickness.

#### **3. Healing Power is Real and Transferable**

God's power is tangible and responds to faith. It can be transferred through the laying on of hands, as demonstrated throughout Scripture.

#### 4. The Laying on of Hands

This is a foundational doctrine of the church, and a primary method God uses to minister healing to His people.

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#### Discussion Questions:

##### Understanding God as Healer

1. Before this sermon, how did you view God's role in healing? Has anything shifted in your understanding?
2. Read **Exodus 15:26** together. What does it mean that God is "the Lord who heals you"? How does understanding God's nature as healer affect your faith when facing illness?
3. The sermon stated that the word "heals" means to repair, rebuild, recover, make whole, or mend. What areas of your life (physical, emotional, spiritual) need this kind of divine repair?

##### Healing vs. Sickness

4. In **Luke 13:10-17**, Jesus called the woman's condition a work of satan. How does understanding the source of sickness change the way we deal with it?
5. Jesus called healing "good" and sickness "oppression." Why is it important to distinguish between what comes from God and what comes from the enemy?
6. The woman in **Luke 13** was called "a daughter of Abraham" (covenant language). What does this tell us about healing being part of our covenant rights as believers?

## The Power to Heal

7. Read **Luke 6:17-19**. The crowd sought to touch Jesus because "power went out from Him and healed them all." What role did faith play in their healing?

8. **Acts 10:38** says Jesus healed "all who were oppressed by the devil." Does this mean all sickness is demonic? How do we understand sickness in light of living in a fallen world?

9. The sermon emphasized that "God's power ALWAYS responds to faith." How does this statement challenge or encourage you?

## Practical Application

10. The laying on of hands is described as a foundational doctrine (**Hebrews 6:1-2**). Have you experienced or participated in this practice? What was that like?

11. **Mark 16:17-18** says, "these signs will follow those who believe." Do you believe that ordinary believers today can lay hands on the sick and see them recover? What holds us back from stepping out in faith?

12. The sermon concluded by saying we must "maintain our faith as the healing manifests whether it be immediately or as you are going." What does this look like practically? How do we keep faith when healing doesn't happen instantly?

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## Personal Reflection Questions

(Allow 3-5 minutes of quiet reflection)

- Is there an area of sickness, disease, or infirmity in my life right now?
- Do I truly believe that God wants to heal me?
- What barriers (doubt, unbelief, past disappointment) might be hindering my faith for healing?
- Am I willing to step out in faith and pray for others to be healed?

## Practical Applications

### This Week's Challenge:

**Choose at least one of the following to put into practice:**

#### 1. Study Healing Scriptures.

- Spend 15 minutes each day this week reading and meditating on healing Scriptures (**Psalm 103:1-5; Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; 1 Peter 2:24**).
- Write down what God reveals to you about His will to heal.

#### 2. Pray for Someone.

- Identify someone in your life who needs healing.
- Reach out to them this week and offer to pray (in person, over the phone, or via video call).
- If appropriate and they're willing, practice laying hands on them and praying in Jesus' name.

#### 3. Address Your Own Need.

- If you need healing, don't just hope for it—actively seek it.
- Reach out to your pastor or church elders and ask for prayer with the laying on of hands
- Declare Scripture over your body daily.

#### 4. Remove Doubt and Build Faith.

- Identify any lies you've believed about healing (e.g., "God doesn't heal anymore," "God wants me sick to teach me something").
- Replace those lies with truth from Scripture.

- Share testimonies of healing with others to build corporate faith.

#### 5. Fast and Pray

- Consider a short fast (meal or media) focused on seeking God for healing breakthrough.
- Use the time you would normally spend eating or on entertainment to pray and worship.

### **Group Prayer Time**

#### **Prayer Focus Areas:**

1. Thanksgiving: Thank God that He is our healer and that healing is His will
2. Confession: Confess any unbelief or doubt about God's power and willingness to heal
3. Intercession: Pray for specific healing needs within the group (remember to include the Scripture in these prayers so that they will have something to reference when they are standing in faith in their daily lives).
  - Physical ailments.
  - Emotional wounds.
  - Mental health struggles.
  - Chronic conditions.
4. Activation: Practice laying hands on one another and praying for healing (if group members are comfortable)
5. Boldness: Ask God for increased faith and boldness to pray for the sick

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### **Closing Thought**

"God's healing power is not just a doctrine to believe—it's a reality to experience and a gift to share. This week, step out in radical faith and watch God move!"

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## Additional Resources

### Recommended Reading:

- **"Healing the Sick" by T.L. Osborn**
- **"Christ the Healer" by F.F. Bosworth**
- **"Healed of Cancer" by Dodie Osteen**

### Scripture Memory Verse:

"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." – **Mark 16:17-18 (NKJV)**

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## Leader Notes

- Create a loving environment where people can share honestly about their struggles with sickness and faith.
- Be prepared to pray for group members who may need healing.
- If someone shares about unanswered prayer for healing, respond with compassion while maintaining faith in God's goodness.
- Encourage testimonies when healing does occur—this builds corporate faith.
- Remind the group that growing in faith for healing is a journey, not an instant arrival.