

I. Introduction/Review

A. Session 1 – Building a Strong Foundation for Healing

Why we believe it is God's will to heal!

B. Session 2 – Creating an Atmosphere for Healing

If the inward atmosphere of your life is turmoil, healing doesn't flow. We must have an inward atmosphere of faith and peace to experience divine health.

II. Session 3 – Staying in the Right Place for Healing

Healing doesn't flow everywhere!

A. **Mark 8:22-26 (NKJV)** – ²²Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. ²³So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. ²⁴And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." ²⁵Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. ²⁶Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."

1. Jesus did not attempt to minister healing to the blind man until he had taken him out of the town.
2. Immediately after ministering healing to this man, Jesus commanded him to stay out of the town – and not to tell anyone in the town. *Is it important to follow Jesus' instructions?*
3. Why did Jesus take such action of leaving the city and forbidding the man to return?

Matthew 11:20-24 (NLT) – ²⁰Then Jesus began to denounce the towns where he had done so many of his miracles, because they hadn't repented of their sins and turned to God. ²¹"What sorrow awaits you, Korazin and **Bethsaida!** For if the miracles I did in you had been done

in wicked Tyre and Sidon, their people would have repented of their sins long ago, clothing themselves in burlap and throwing ashes on their heads to show their remorse. ²²I tell you, Tyre and Sidon will be better off on judgment day than you. ²³“And you people of Capernaum, will you be honored in heaven? No, you will go down to the place of the dead. For if the miracles I did for you had been done in wicked Sodom, it would still be here today. ²⁴I tell you, even Sodom will be better off on judgment day than you.”

NOTE: These cities were not only consumed with unbelief, but even after seeing many great miracles, they refused to believe. They were willed with *Willful Unbelief* – a refusal to believe no matter what they saw. Jesus never performed any more miracles in these places after He made this statement. Their willful and intentional unbelief closed the door to the supernatural in their region insomuch that Jesus refused to heal this blind man inside the city of Bethsaida and because the spirit of unbelief dominated that region, Jesus told the man to stay out and tell no one.

- a. It is important what a region believes or refuses to believe.
- b. It is important what churches believe!

Some churches refuse to believe in healing, miracles, and other Biblical doctrines.

NOTE: A common staying – “If God wants to heal me, He can heal me over there the same as here.” **Incorrect!**

- c. We are not to share our testimony with those who are determined to stay in unbelief. The spirit at work in them has the potential to talk you out of your own faith.

- B. Mark 7:31-36 (NKJV) – ³¹Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. ³²Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. ³³And He took him **aside from the multitude**, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶**Then He commanded them that they****

should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it

He took him aside from the multitude. *The multitude was filled with unbelief. Before Jesus would heal the man, he saw the need to take him away from the unbelieving multitude.*

NOTE: *From the context of this passage, there were those who believed and those who did not. The mixed company of belief and unbelief was still such an issue that Jesus withdrew from the multitude prior to healing the man. NOTE: He also warned him not to tell his miracle there.*

REMEMBER – Job’s friends came as comforters but stayed as tormentors (E.W. Kenyon).

1. Places where healing flows. *Stay in places where healing flows.*

Healing doesn’t flow everywhere.

- a. **Kenneth Hagin** – “It’s easier to get people healed in small crowds.”
- b. **Atmosphere matters.** It is difficult or impossible for healing to flow where unbelief is the predominate atmosphere.
- c. **Unbelieving Churches**
 - *Churches that believe that miracles ceased with the ministry of the Apostles.*
 - *Churches that teach against the principles of faith.*
 - *Churches that never teach on healing.*
 - *Churches that never have a testimony of healing.*
 - *Churches that never lay hands on the sick according to James 5:14.*
 - *These churches may have success in other areas of ministry, but they are not the place where healing will flow.*

2. Feeding where healing flows.

- a. When in a healing faith journey, be sure to feed on messages where healing can flow.
- b. While every word of God is filled with life – there is a significantly different flow of health when you hear the word on healing.

