

I. **Intro**

A. Invest Definition

1. Give of yourself
2. Put yourself into something
3. Effort / labor / time / energy / attention
4. When you invest in something, you are involved / participating / cooperating / bringing your supply.
5. When you are uninvested, you haven't brought anything of yourself to the project.

B. There are many who desire to be healed, but they have not invested of themselves into their healing.

C. Healing is a FREE GIFT.

D. Being positioned to receive the free give isn't free - it can be costly.

1. God has brought HIS supply for your healing.
2. You must now bring your supply to receive His free gift.

II. **Investing in Healing**

A. Naaman

1. **2 Kings 5:9-14 NKJV** "Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, 'Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?' So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, 'My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?' So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."
 - a. Naaman wanted to be healed on his own terms.
 - b. He wanted the easy route – waving of the prophet's hand.
 - c. Being healed would require a different level of investment.

- d. Energy – time / obedience – willingness.
- e. Pastor Jay Eberly's 6/30/24 message: "Do what He [Jesus] tells you to do. His assignment is not always the same."

B. The Woman with the Issue of Blood

1. **Mark 5:25-34 KJV** "And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said unto him, 'Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, 'Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague'."

C. Bringing the Sick

1. **Mark 6:53-56 NKJV** "When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there. And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was. Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well."

PASTOR'S NOTE: Jesus had just left Nazareth where there was no great response of faith to Him or His ministry.

- Nazareth: NO investment of faith.
- Gennesaret: made a great investment – MUCH effort. They demonstrated their faith by their action.
- Faith without works is dead.

D. The Man Carried by Four Friends

1. **Luke 5:17-20 NKJV** “Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them. Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. When He saw their faith, He said to him, ‘Man, your sins are forgiven you’.”

E. Closing Thoughts

1. Investment is not about taking the easy route. It is about **DOING** our part – whatever is required of us.
2. Put something in, to get something back.
3. Being in position may cost us something
4. Being in proximity to the healing anointing may require much of us.
5. Are you willing to do whatever is necessary?
6. Are you willing to go wherever you need to go?
7. Are you willing to do whatever He [Jesus] says?
8. Are you willing to pay the price to renew your mind to the healing message of the gospel?