

I. Review**A. Previous Sessions**

1. **Building your Spiritual Immune System**
2. **How do you Build Resistance to Sickness?**
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4. **Sustained by His Word**
5. **The Blessing of Long Life**
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7. **Following God's Instructions for Healing**

II. Put Your Faith to Work**A. Faith is necessary to access what God provides**

1. Faith is the lifestyle of the Kingdom.
2. Faith is the language of the Kingdom.
3. Faith accesses what has already been provided in the new covenant.
4. Faith is my response to what God has already provided.
5. Faith sees what God sees and speaks what God says

B. Faith and Healing in the ministry of Jesus

Although Jesus is the Son of God, faith was still a necessity He ministered healing to people.

1. The woman with the issue of blood.

Matthew 9:22 (NKJV) – *But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.*

2. Bartimaeus

Mark 10:52 (KJV) – *And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way*

3. The man with the possessed son

Mark 9:20-23 (NKJV) – ²⁰*Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. ²¹So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”*

Mark 9:23 (GNT) – *“Yes,” said Jesus, “if you yourself can! Everything is possible for the person who has faith.*

Mark 9:23 (NLT) – *“What do you mean, ‘If I can’?” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.”*

4. Unbelief hinders the works of Jesus

Nazareth – His hometown

Matthew 13:58 (NKJV) – *Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.*

Matthew 13:58 (CEV) – *And because the people did not have any faith, Jesus did not work many miracles there*

Note: Although He is the son of God, faith was still necessary for him to be able to do what He was sent to do.

5. Jesus commended people for their faith

Matthew 15:22-28 (KJV) – ²²And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O LORD, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. ²³But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. ²⁴But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ²⁵Then came she and worshipped him, saying, LORD, help me. ²⁶But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. ²⁷And she said, Truth, LORD: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. ²⁸Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, **great is thy faith:** be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Other Examples:

The Centurion with the sick servant – Matthew 8:5-13
“I have not found such great faith in Israel”.

6. Jesus spoke out regarding faithlessness and unbelief

Matthew 8:26 (NKJV) – *But He said to them, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.*

Matthew 8:26 (CEV) – *But Jesus replied, "Why are you so afraid? You surely don't have much faith." Then he got up and ordered the wind and the waves to calm down. And everything was calm.*

C. Faith activation is required to receive from the Lord

1. Put your faith to work

- a. There are many in the church who never employ their faith for anything other than initial salvation.

Employ – *to give work to or to make use of*

Luke 17:5-10 (NKJV) – ⁵*And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."* ⁶*So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.* ⁷*And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'? ⁸But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. ¹⁰So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'*

- b. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, he responded by saying do not need me to increase your faith, you simply need to employ the faith that you have. "Put your faith to work and it will work for you."
- c. Faith is your servant.
Keep it in the field until the job is finished!

D. How do I engage my faith for personal healing?

- 1. Faith must be developed in the word of God.**
 - a. Do not attempt to step out into faith when faith has not been developed in God's Word.
Example – Charles Capps – “Going whole hog when half ready”
 - b. I'm trying to have faith – *You do not have a faith issue; you have a work issue – a word deficit.”*
 - c. When faith is a struggle, the remedy is to increase your word time.

- 2. Practice small steps forward by using your faith.**
 - a. Start practicing faith for the small things in your life.
 - b. Using your faith for little things will prepare you for the bigger things.

- 3. Always follow the instructions given by the Holy Spirit when it comes to action.**

- 4. When you release your faith for something specific, do not call it back in.**
 - a. **Hebrews 10:23 (KJV)** – *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)*
Hebrews 10:23 (GWT) – *We must continue to hold firmly to our declaration of faith. The one who made the promise is faithful.*
 - b. **Hebrews 10:35-39 (NIV)** – ³⁵*So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.* ³⁶*You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.* ³⁷*For, “In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay.”* ³⁸*And, “But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.”* ³⁹*But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.*