

Growing your Faith for Healing

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I was ministering to a man who had great pain in his knee before service one day.

With the service about to start, I only had a moment to minister, so I told him to come forward at the end of service and I would continue to pray with him or one of our prayer ministers would continue the process.

He did come up, and after further ministry with one of our prayer ministers, he gave a great testimony.

Not only was the pain gone, but he could use the knee in its full function, which he had not been able to do for years....

Thank You, Jesus! **That's a miracle!**

The most exciting thing to me about this miracles is that I'm NOT the one who prayed for and saw the healing done!

Don't misunderstand;

I enjoy praying God's healing to people! **I LOVE IT!**

Pastor's are not the only ones who can operate in this miraculous power of God!

Praise God for Pastors, who know the true power of God and who know their callings in Jesus,

But in *Mark 16:18 Jesus said that **believers** will lay hands on the sick, and the sick will recover.*

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Eph. 4:11-12

11 And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers,

12 to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

The job of the pastor is to train the body of Christ so that they can do the work of the ministry

The day of the one-man show in the body of Christ needs to come to an end, and we're literally seeing that take place in this church.

Would you like to see the blind receive their sight or the lame walk when you pray?

Do you desperately need healing yourself?

whether you're praying for someone else healing or receiving your own,

it's available to every **true believer of Christ!**

Jesus gave every disciple who believes the power and authority to do the same works that He did.

What a statement!

But it is absolutely true.

John 14:12 says,

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*12 Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, **AND WILL DO GREATER ONES THAN THESE**, because I am going to the Father.*

All believers will do the same works that Jesus did; it's not limited to Pastors.

There's just a shortage of believing believers.

How do you get to the place where you can see the miraculous happen in and through you?

It starts with the **renewing** of your mind.

Faith is based on knowledge, and everything we need to know to be a victorious Christian is explained in God's Word.

That's what the Apostle Peter said in *2 Peter 1:3-4*:

3 His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and power.

4 Through these, he has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire.

Knowledge of a few basic truths, when properly understood and applied, will make a huge

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difference in releasing His power and receiving your healing.

God has already placed His healing power within us, and it is now under our authority. It isn't up to God to determine who receives healing; it's up to us!

That is powerful!

It's our failure to understand and use the authority we have that is keeping God's healing power from flowing as it should.

It's imperative that we discover what we have and learn how to release it.

Here's another incredible basic truth you must know and understand about healing:

It's never God's will for us to be sick; He wants every person healed every time.

Most Christians don't know or believe that.

They think the Lord makes them sick, or at the very least, He allows Satan to make them sick to either punish or correct them.

That kind of thinking will get you killed; it's not what the Bible teaches.

One of the most elementary principles in God's Word is given in *James 4:7*. It says,

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So submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

This verse clearly teaches that some things are of God, and some things are of the devil.

Notice it doesn't present a third category: from God through the devil.

No! Sickness has nothing to do with God!

Submit to the things of God, and resist the things of the devil. It's that simple.

To believe that God allows or approves of Satan's actions defies the logic of James 4:7.

It eliminates our responsibility to resist and places ultimate responsibility for everything back on God.

The widely accepted doctrine that God controls everything is a deception.

If Satan can confuse and deceive you on that issue, he's got you!

Why?

Because you'll stop resisting.

**HOPELESSNESS IS THE RESULT OF NON
RESISTENCE!**

No one wants to resist God's will, and if you think that God is behind your sickness, you'll submit to it.

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That violates the instruction of James 4:7, it won't get you healed, and it lets Satan have his way in your life.

You must believe God always wants you healed.

It's so simple it takes help to misunderstand.

But sadly, most Christians receive plenty of help from religion in misunderstanding this.

What's the bottom line on God's will for our healing?

His Word reveals that to us in *3 John 1:2*, which says,

Beloved, I hope you are prospering in every respect and are in good health, just as your soul is prospering.

John was writing a letter to believers under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

He revealed that the **Lord wants us healthy** just as much as **He wants us to prosper emotionally and mentally.**

When Peter preached the Gospel to Cornelius in Acts 10:38, he summarized the ministry of Jesus by saying,

"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

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Notice what Peter said under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Not only was Jesus doing good when He healed people, but He healed all that were oppressed of the devil, not of God.

That scripture clearly proves that sickness is not from God.

Isaiah 53 should end all debate. It was written prophetically about Jesus, the Messiah.

Isaiah 53:4-5 says,

*Yet it was our pain that he bore,
our sufferings he endured.
We thought of him as stricken,
struck down by God and afflicted,
5 But he was pierced for our sins,
crushed for our iniquity.
He bore the punishment that makes us whole,
by his wounds we were healed.*

These verses reveal that **physical healing is a part of the atonement of Christ.**

(Atonement meaning reconciliation of God and human kind through Jesus Christ)

The Lord redeemed us from sickness just as much as He redeemed us from sin.

He would no more want us to be sick than He would want us to sin.

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Those are radical statements to many Christians because we've been taught that forgiveness of sins is what salvation is all about.

Well that's certainly a vital part of salvation, but that's not all that Jesus accomplished.

We were also healed by His stripes. Sickness is not of God just as sin is not of God.

Thank You, Jesus!

Just in case anyone might be thinking that the healing spoken of in Isaiah 53:4-5 is not physical but only emotional, the Bible gives a commentary on Isaiah's prophecy.

In Matthew 8:16 Jesus healed all the sick people brought to Him, and verse 17 says this was done...

to fulfill what had been said by Isaiah the prophet:

*"He took away our infirmities
and bore our diseases."*

Therefore, Scripture comments on itself and makes it very clear that the healing spoken of by Isaiah is referring to physical infirmities and sicknesses.

If Jesus bore our sicknesses, then we don't have to.

Every person has the authority to heal, can be healed, and should be healed because what Jesus did at the cross!