Part 3. Redemption Ch. 9 Healing 101



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1. Healing is Not a Doctrine

It is a practice done by people that know who they are in Christ Jesus.

... the secret of our success here in this ministry, is in our teaching our workers to exercise the dominion of God through the Holy Ghost, and that He has already put it in their soul when He baptized them; while in other branches of this work they still largely follow the old line of intercession for the sick (*with limited success*, added).

We do not pray for God to come and heal as in the old days. But ... command in the name of Jesus, the devil and his works to depart.

(John G. Lake's Letter to Carrie Judd Montgomery, April 22, 1911. The original letter is in the possession of Curry Blake, General Overseer of John G. Lake Ministries, www.jglm.org)

It really is that simple. But it takes practice, it is not automatic. Everything around us militates against being successful. It's a battle. So, get started! The use of Authority and Command is **not** Prayer, although we may ask someone if we can pray for them.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

John 14:12

12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also ... because I go to My Father. Mark 16:17-18

So, are you at least practicing? What works did Jesus do?

Philemon 6

that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the **acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus**.

Question: What is in you?

How many have ever read a book on healing by anyone with a consistent track record? Do you know any names of those who had strong healing ministries over the last 125 years? There were quite a few. Sad to say, not all finished well. But they demonstrated the presence of the Kingdom of God.

"All Christian churches in China practice some form of healing ... In fact, according to some surveys, 90% of new believers cite healing as a reason for their conversion. This is especially true in the countryside where medical facilities are often inadequate or non-existent." Edmond Tang, "Yellers and Healers – Pentecostalism and the Study of Grassroots Christianity in China"

Hebrews 4:2

For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but **the word which they heard** did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith** in those who heard it.

Hebrews 11:1, 6

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Romans 10:17

So then, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2. Pastoral Message

Paul described how the Holy Spirit has sprinkled the gifts in the body (Rom 12, 1Cor 12-14) for the building up of the body. When we imply that only 'special' people have 'gifts' very few gifts will ever be manifest, because most people know they are not special. Rather acknowledge that everyone has at least one gift to benefit the body and has the responsibility to use it.

- What mechanism is there to find out the giftings of the people?
- Who are the healers in the congregation? Other gifts?
- Who are the prophets in the congregation?
- Do some seem to know what is happening, without being told?
- Do some seem to just know what to do?
- At first, the use of gifts is clumsy. Can you tolerate that? Can you tolerate failure?
- Can you grant permission, space, and encouragement to practice in a safe place, a fireplace? A fireplace is for the purpose of containing the fire, so it doesn't burn down the house.

3. What Did Jesus Do?

It is my hope that you will read the context of all the verses below for your own personal growth. Jesus used a variety of methods to effect healing. We will generally learn a certain way that we discover, but we must remain sensitive to the Holy Spirit. This keeps us flexible. It is not the method that heals but the life and power of God in us. The focus of this chapter is healing, but Jesus did many other things like command weather, change water into wine, feed thousands, walk on water, raise the dead, and cast out demons. He demonstrated His authority over ever aspect of the material world, as well as other spirit beings. But everything He did was as a man rightly related to the Father, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

This is why we can do the same works, because in Christ, we are rightly related to the Father and the Holy Spirit lives in us. Our biggest hindrance is between our ears, our earthly way of thinking (Rom 12:1-2).

Matthew 8:3

Then Jesus **put out His hand and touched** him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. **Question:** Would you be willing to touch a leper?

Matthew 8:13

Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Matthew 8:15

So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

Matthew 9:24-25

24 He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. 25 But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and **took her by the hand**, and the girl arose.

Matthew 9:4-7

4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5 For **which is easier**, to say, '**Your sins are forgiven you**,' or to say, '**Arise and walk**'? 6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 7 And he arose and departed to his house.

Matthew 9:29

Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

Matthew 12:13

Then **He said to the man**, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

Matthew 17:7

But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

Matthew 17:18

And Jesus **rebuked the demon**, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

Matthew 20:34

So Jesus had compassion and **touched their eyes**. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

Mark 5:28

For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

Mark 6:56

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.

Mark 1:31

So He came and **took her by the hand** and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.

Mark 5:41

Then He **took the child by the hand, and said** to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

Mark 3:5

And when He had **looked around at them with anger**, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, "**Stretch out your hand**." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

Mark 8:23

So 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.

Mark 9:27

But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

Luke 5:13

Then He **put out His hand and touched him**, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy left him.

Luke 7:14

Then He came and **touched the open coffin**, and those who carried him stood still. And **He** said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

Luke 8:44

came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

Luke 22:51

But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

John 9:6-7

6 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and **He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay**. 7 And He said to him, "**Go, wash** in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

Acts 3:6-7

6 Then **Peter said**, "Silver and gold I do not have, but **what I do have I give you**: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." 7 And he **took him by the right hand** and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Acts 9:34-35

34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. 35 So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

This healing is unlike the others in two ways: the first is that this is the only healing I find where it is said, "Jesus the Christ heals you." And the second is the revival that followed.

Acts 9:40

But Peter put them all out and knelt down and prayed. And **turning to the body he said**, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

4. Belief and Faith

Faith – Trust in an authority, belief that is put into action. The proof you believe is that you act. You can't believe what you don't know. Everyone believes things unverifiable by natural science. Everyone lives by faith. Reason and knowledge are the servants of faith. Faith starts in knowledge and is perfected in experience. Faith allows us to touch the future. Shallow, superficial 'belief' is a poor substitute for the certainty of faith. Not all faith is true. When truth and faith walk together mountains move. God's word carries within itself the power to produce (Is 55:11, Jn 6:33). So, what authority do you trust most? (Mt 28:18)

Matthew 9:22

But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; **your faith** has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

Matthew 9:29

Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

Matthew 15:28

Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Mark 10:52

Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; **your faith** has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

Luke 7:9

When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, **I have not found such great faith**, not even in Israel!"

Luke 8:48

And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; **your faith** has made you well. Go in peace."

Luke 17:19

And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Luke 18:42

Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."

Luke 22:32

But I have prayed for you, that **your faith** should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.

It is true that the person seeking healing can have the faith for healing, and together, wonderful things happen. But this is often not the case. Some are so beat down that all they can do is ask you, the minister, for help. Prolonged sickness and/or an environment of unbelief has this effect. It is an easy cop-out to blame the seeker, but their healing is ultimately YOUR responsibility! Some may even come in unbelief, daring you to do something. This is when we find out if we are the real deal. The key is that they come to you. Everyone that came to Jesus got healed. Developing a "can-do, we can take care of that" attitude is very powerful. Nothing is above the name of Jesus!

It is possible to have another faith that interferes with getting healed, called a defeater. Your personal identity, your vision of yourself can be very powerful, both positively and negatively. Knowing who you are in Christ is the best, and truest, picture of yourself, presented in scripture. When I first got saved, I would hear people say, "Christians don't know who they are." It's still true.

Maybe you have met someone that knows, by heart, every drug they are taking, all of their doctors, every bone and muscle and what is wrong, in detail. They have been in and out of many facilities and know the language. This person's identity is sick. They can't imagine not having all this attention in their life. We have an inherent faith in drugs and doctors because we know they work. If I have a headache or muscle ache, I might take some pain killer, because I know (by faith) that I will soon have relief. We are not so sure about Jesus or the Holy Spirit.

Of course, we will say all the right religious words (about how we believe in Jesus) but our lifestyle (of sickness or brokenness) says something else. This is not about salvation, but quality of life. Also keep in mind that many people around the world have little or no access the kind of medical facilities that we take for granted. Imagine having to choose between food or medicine. We have better crutches, but they need Jesus more. It is easier to believe when you don't have much. God gives us grace and faith, but it is up to us to mix them with life. Just like developing any other skill, you must practice. Start with those aches and pains in your own body, the tingling beginning of a sore throat or cold. You have a wonderful Helper, the Holy Spirit, ask Him. Passivity can get you killed.

Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been **saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it **is the gift of God**

Hebrews 4:2

2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the **word which they** heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

Matthew 9:27-29

27 When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" 28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "**Do you believe** that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "**According to your faith** let it be to you."

Mark 11:22-24

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "**Have the faith of God**. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, **whoever says** to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' **and does not doubt** in his heart, but believes that those **things he says** will be done, he will have **whatever**

he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Mark 16:14-18

14 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 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."

Luke 24:25

Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and **slow of heart to believe** in all that the prophets have spoken!

John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, **to those who believe in His name**: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 6:29, 35

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, **that you believe in Him** whom He sent."

35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. **He who comes to Me shall never hunger**, and **he who believes in Me shall never thirst**.

John 12:37

But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,

John 14:12

Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me**, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

John 16:30-31

30 Now we are sure that You know all things and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God." 31 Jesus answered them, "**Do you now believe**?

John 20:25

25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, **I will not believe**."

Acts 17:3-4

3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ." 4 And **some of them were persuaded**; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

Romans 3:21-22

21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, **through faith in Jesus Christ**, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

Galatians 3:21-22

21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For **if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law**. 22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that **the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe**.

2 Thessalonians 1:10

when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

1 Timothy 1:16

However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

1 Timothy 4:3

forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by **those who believe and know the truth**.

Hebrews 3:18-19

18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they **could not enter in because of unbelief**.

Hebrews 11:1, 6

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God **must believe** that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

James 2:14-26

14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone **says he has faith** but **does not have works**? **Can faith save him**? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! 20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is

justified by works, and **not by faith only**. 25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead** also.

5. Some Healing Scriptures

1 Corinthians 2:3-5

3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power**, 5 **that your faith** should not be in the wisdom of men but **in the power of God**.

Deuteronomy 29:29

The secret things belong to Yahweh our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever..., 1 Cor 2:9-10

Mark 12:24

Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God? Matt 22:29

Mark 7:13

making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do." Matt 15:6

Matthew 7:24-27

24 Therefore whoever **hears these sayings** of Mine, **and does them**, I will liken him to a **wise man** who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 But everyone who **hears these sayings** of Mine, **and does not do them**, will be like a **foolish man** who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.

James 1:22-25

22 But be **doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets **what kind of man** he was. 25 But he who looks into the **perfect law of liberty and continues in it** and is **not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work**, this one will be blessed in what he does. **Note:** Hear the word, do the work.

Ps 91 All

Psalms 91:1-2

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of Yahweh, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

Psalms 103:1-7

1 Bless Yahweh, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy **name**! 2 Bless Yahweh, O my soul, and **forget not all His benefits**: 3 **Who forgives all your iniquities**, **Who heals all your diseases**, 4 **Who redeems your life** from destruction, **Who crowns you with lovingkindness** and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your **youth is renewed** like the eagle's. 6 Yahweh executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He made known **His ways** to Moses, **His acts** to the children of Israel.

Romans 8:1-11

1 There is therefore **now no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Mark 16:14-18

14 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 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 16:19-20

19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with, and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Matthew 8:5-13

5 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." 7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But **only speak a word**, and my servant will be healed. 9 **For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith**, not even in Israel! 11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Luke 7:1-10

1 Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. 2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. 3 So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. 4 And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, 5 "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue." 6 Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. 7 Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. **But say the word**, and my servant will be healed. 8 **For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."**

9 When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found **such great faith**, not even in Israel!" 10 And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

Question: What 'word' did Jesus speak?

Matthew 15:21-28

21 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "**Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David**! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." 23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." 24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" 26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." 27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. Mark 7:24–30

Isaiah 53:4-6

4 Surely, He has **borne our griefs** and **carried our sorrows**; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was **wounded for our transgressions**, He was **bruised for our iniquities**; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And **by His stripes we <u>are</u> healed**. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; **And Yahweh has laid on Him the iniquity of us all**.

1 Peter 2:24-25

24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—**by whose stripes you** <u>were</u> healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Matthew 8:16-17

16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He **cast out the spirits with a word**, and **healed all who were sick**, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "**He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses**." (Is 53:4)

Matthew 10:1, 5-8

And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.
These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, **the kingdom of heaven is at hand**.' 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Mark 6:12-13

12 So [the twelve] went out and preached that people should repent. 13 And they **cast out many demons**, and **anointed with oil** many who were sick, **and healed them**.

Romans 8:26-30

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with **groanings which cannot be uttered**. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Luke 24:44-49

44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **all things must be fulfilled which were written** in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. 46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things. 49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are **endued with power** from on high."

Acts 3:1-6

1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "**Silver and gold I do not have**, but **what I do have I give you**: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

Mark 2:1-12

1 And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. 2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. 3 Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. 4 And when they could not come near Him

because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." 6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic, 11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" Luke 5:17-26

It should be noted here that there is not always a direct connection between sin and sickness. There are a few places where Jesus says, "Go and sin no more ..." indicating a connection to the person's sin and the resulting sickness. But mostly Jesus just healed the people. We all know there are certain behaviors lead directly to sickness and disease. But even more, we live in a dangerous world and bad things, like sickness, happen to everyone. The Gospel provides the solution to every case, without partiality!

1 John 3:18-23

18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but **in deed and in truth**. 19 And by this we know that we are of the truth and shall assure our hearts before Him. 20 For **if our heart condemns us**, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, **if our heart does not condemn us**, we have confidence toward God. 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 23 And **this is His commandment**: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

Exodus 7:1

So Yahweh said to Moses: "See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.

Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly above** all that we ask or think, according to **the power that works in us**

James 5:14-18

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

Luke 4:16-19

16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book

of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

Isaiah 61:1-2

1 "The Spirit of Yahweh GOD is upon Me, because Yahweh has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of Yahweh, and the day of vengeance of our God;

James 1:22-25

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

1 John 2:20-21, 27

20 But **you have an anointing from the Holy One**, and you know all things. 21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

27 But **the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you**, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

6. The Kingdom and The Power

Matthew 6:9-13

9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Question: Has the Kingdom come? As was seen in chapter 8, "Dominion" there is a direct connection between the Kingdom and the Power.

Matthew 4:23

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing all kinds of sickness** and all kinds of disease among the people.

Matthew 9:35

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, **teaching** in their synagogues, **preaching** the **gospel of the kingdom**, and **healing every sickness** and every disease among the people.

Matthew 10:1, 5-8

 And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.
These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 12:25-30

25 But Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. 26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? 27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore, they shall be your judges. **28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.** 29 Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. 30 **He, who is not with Me, is against Me**, and **he who does not gather with Me** scatters abroad.

Luke 11:14-23

15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." 16 Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. 17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. 18 If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. 19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore, they will be your judges. 20 **But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you**. 21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. 22 But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoils. 23 **He who is not with Me is against Me**, and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.

Mark 3:28-30 Also Matt. 12:31, 32; Luke 12:10

28 "Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; 29 but **he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness**, but is subject to eternal condemnation", 30 because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."

7. Authority and Doctrine

Matthew 28:18-19

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority** has been given to Me **in heaven and on earth**. 19 You go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations...

Matthew 7:28-29

28 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His **teaching**, 29 for **He taught them as one having authority**, and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:22, 27

22 And they were astonished at His **teaching** (**doctrine**), for **He taught them as one having authority**, and not as the scribes.

27 Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

Luke 4:32

And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

John 7:16-17

16 Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. 17 If anyone **wills to do His will**, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own.

Psalms 119:89-91

89 Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. 90 Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. 91 They continue this day according to Your ordinances, for all are Your servants.

1 Corinthians 6:17

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

Matthew 17:14-21

14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, **for he is an epileptic** [poor translation, literally moon struck, lunatic) and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." 17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O **faithless and perverse generation**, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." 18 And **Jesus rebuked the demon**, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

This is the key to this passage. People get focused on "faith" or "prayer and fasting" and miss the whole point. When would we ever face "this kind" in our lives? Maybe never. The point is that when we fail at something, we need to go to Jesus and ask why, instead of saying, "It doesn't work." We really love formulas and once acquired means we don't need Jesus! This is similar to the Israelites moving into the promised land. Each city had a different God-given strategy. Failure meant the loss of life. We need situational answers to situational problems. We need daily bread. As we grow, we will learn how to speak to mountains and get impossible results.

20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and **nothing will be impossible for you**. 21 **However, this kind** does not go out except by **prayer and fasting**."

Compare with Mark 9:14-29 and Luke 9:38-42

Ephesians 2:4-6

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and **raised us up together**, and **made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**,

The reason we have authority is because we are in Christ, in the throne, the seat of all authority. And all authority, in heaven and on earth is His (Mat 28:18).

8. Sin and Sickness

There are those that think there is a direct causal link between sin and sickness. "I am sick, so I must have sinned." The truth is that we live in a fallen world and most of us are not walking in God's divine health. Bad things happen. It is true that there are behaviors that can lead to sickness. If you should get sick, it is okay to check with the Holy Spirit to see if there is a problem. Don't stay long. Some will slip into condemnation believing they "deserve" the sickness because of poor diet or exercise, even smoking or drinking. This is a trap! We can all do better. There are 100 ways sickness and disease will try to take advantage of us through some failing or fault, or even sin. Remember that it was Jesus who paid the price for our liberty. We need to develop the attitude: "it doesn't matter where it came from, it only matters that it leaves!"

We will get better, in His strength and by His grace, but not by becoming enslaved to a "healthy" diet and exercise. By the way, the Gospel must apply to all people, in all places, in all walks of life. Most of the world will never have finances or access to a "healthy" diet. But Jesus, and Kingdom benefits, are free to all who believe!

Psalms 103:1-5

1 Bless Yahweh, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless Yahweh, O my soul, and **forget not all His benefits**: 3 Who **forgives all your iniquities**, who **heals all your diseases**, 4 Who **redeems your life** from destruction, who **crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies**, 5 Who **satisfies your mouth with good things**, So that your **youth is renewed** like the eagle's.

Psalms 107:20

[Yahweh] sent His word and healed them. **Question:** Who is the Word?

Romans 11:27

For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins."

Romans 6:7, 18, 22

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

John 5:14

Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. **Sin no more**, lest a worse thing come upon you."

John 8:11

She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

17 Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new**. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, **not imputing their trespasses to them**, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Question: What is this "word of reconciliation?" If Gpd is not imputing their trespasses, why do we?

9. Some Sacred Cows

A sacred cow can provide milk, but in order to get meat, you have to kill it. Some will defend the sacred cows with all their might. The traditions of man always seek to limit or cancel out what God has done. They become doctrinal justifications for ineffectiveness or weakness. Some of these are interconnected. Bad theology, like cancer, spreads and affects other areas

A. Sovereignty

Is it true that God can do anything He wants? Can He violate His own word? Can He lie? Bad teaching about God's sovereignty is probably the most pervasive inhibitor of general healing that there is. The belief is that God must approve and endorse every healing.

Is it God's will that everyone be healed, or only certain ones that God picks out, "from the foundation of the world?" And if it is His will, why is everyone not healed? Doesn't God always get His way? The verses below indicate that we can trust God's word, so we need to look at what the New Testament says on the subject. Also, we can look at the New Testament's commentary on Old Testament passages. How does the NT interpret OT passages?

We cannot do God's part and He will not do ours. God can, and does, by His own sovereign will heal people, but that is not the whole story, or His primary means of healing. He has also sovereignly willed that His church (every believer, every real Christian) be the channel of His healing power to a sick and broken world. Who lives in you? Christ the healer! Healing is the calling card of the Kingdom. God has given that to US! Jesus never told us to ask Him to heal anyone, He told us to do it! This is God's sovereign will. But many disobey.

Psalms 119:89

Forever, O Yahweh, Your word is settled in heaven.

Titus 1:2

in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,

Hebrews 6:18

that by two immutable things, in which it is **impossible for God to lie**, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance**.

B. Miracle working power was only for the "Apostolic Age" - Cessationism

500 million Pentecostals know otherwise! Hopefully from the rest of the book, you have seen Cessationism as the false doctrine that it is. What needless suffering and premature death has been caused by those who teach this.

2 Timothy 3:5

...having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

C. When a person doesn't get healed then God is holding out.

When people believe the "only God, or Jesus heals" doctrine, then any lack of healing is God's fault. They would never say it that way. They would say, "It must not be God's will." Sometimes, the minister has such a fragile ego that he can't admit that he failed, so "it is God's fault that your child died. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away." We have all heard this nauseating response from well-meaning, but thoroughly wrong people. No, God provided healing in the atonement when "by His stripes, we were healed (Isa 53:4-5, Mat 8:17, 1Pet 2:24)."

D. Belief that you have to check with God to see if He wants them healed

We either don't believe it or believe something else called defeaters. There have been a few rare instances where God has said, "Don't minister to that one." But the default is that God wants everyone healed.

E. Unbelief Stops the Power of God or "You don't have enough faith."

Behind this is a misunderstanding of WHY God does what He does. The issue is never what God can do, but WILL He and WHY? God won't do our part and we can't do His. Often people beg and cry and play "Let's make a deal." They get nothing and blame God, never knowing they failed to meet the conditions. Even worse, they have no idea what God's conditions even are. On rare occasions something happens due strictly to the sovereignty of God and the person imagines it was their begging and crying that moved God. Moses knew why God did what He did, but Israel only saw God's miracles. Most people simply don't take the necessary time to do due diligence in getting to know Him.

Psalms 103:7

[God] made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him**.

Mark 6:1-6

1 Then He went out from there and came to **His own country**, and His disciples followed Him. 2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! 3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and **brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon**? And are not **His sisters** here with us?" So, they were offended at Him.

4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." 5 Now **He could do no mighty work there, except** that **He laid His hands** on a few sick people **and healed them**. 6 And He **marveled because of their unbelief**. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

This passage is often used by nay-sayers to prove Jesus powerless in the face of unbelief, "He could do no mighty work there..." But, as always, we have to look at the passage as a whole and perform some critical thinking.

First off, Jesus went home, where everybody knew Him. They knew His family, His occupation. But they also acknowledged His supernatural abilities but could not reconcile these with the carpenter's kid they had seen growing up. This puts to rest the "stories" of Jesus doing miracles his whole life long. Jesus was a normal kid, He just happened to have a Father that only a few knew about. The people could only relate to the historical Jesus. "So they were offended at Him." And "He marveled because of their unbelief."

Notice how apparently innocuous the word "offended" is here, but it is directly coupled to unbelief. Jesus did not act in a manner that any modern would consider "offensive." They were offended at what Jesus did in His new everyday life as the Christ. They refused to believe their own eyes and ears. They refused to believe something different than what they had always known. You can't believe if you are offended.

Second, let's complete the sentence: 5 Now He could do no mighty work there, **except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them**. Let's assume Jesus "could not" because of their unbelief. Think for just a second...Jesus did no mighty works, but He did heal some people. This removes "healing" from the category of "mighty works" and places it squarely in the category of "easy" works.

The truth is that Jesus healed every person that came to Him. That's just how He is. The ones that were offended refused to come, so they didn't get healed. They weren't going to bow to the carpenter's son. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

F. Being Good/Holy/Mature Enough

Acts 3:12

So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though **by our own power or godliness** we had made this man walk?

The Corinthian church was out of control, but Paul said:

1 Corinthians 1:4-7

4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were **enriched in everything by Him** in **all utterance** and **all knowledge**, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was **confirmed** in you, 7 so that **you come short in no gift**, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

10. John G. Lake's Secrets of Divine Healing

- 1. Know that God is with you, for you and in you.
- 2. Be led by God's character and nature.
- 3. Decide to obey the Bible, not some arbitrary feeling (or tradition).
- 4. Get fed up with ineffective methods.
- 5. Destroy sacred cows concerning sickness and power.
- 6. Get clean and stay clean
- 7. Stay out of pride. Anyone can do what you are doing.
- 8. Treat all sickness the same.
- 9. Treat all sickness like a person (like a devil).
- 10. Speak to the problem, not others about the problem.
- 11. Recognize sickness and disease (and by extension, damage) is an enemy.
- 12. See people as oppressed prisoners of war.
- 13. Accept responsibility for your fellow man.
- 14. Be aggressive and develop aggressiveness.
- 15. Command don't beg.

11. Conclusion

John 14:12

Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me**, **the works that I do he will do also**; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to **the power that works in us**,

Acts 3:16

And His name, through **faith in His name**, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Question: Who had the faith? See also Jam 5:14-15

Mark 11:22-24

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "**Have the faith of God**. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and **does not doubt in his heart, but believes** that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask **when you pray**, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. See also Gal 2:20.

"It is a law of the human mind that I can act myself into believing faster than I can believe myself into acting." John G. Lake

"If the Spirit doesn't move me, I move the Spirit. I may start in the flesh, but I will end up in the Spirit." Smith Wigglesworth

It all comes from knowing what Christ has done, what He wants, and who we are in Him. It is not rocket science.

James 1:22-25

22 But be **doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets **what kind of man** he was. 25 But he who looks into the **perfect law of liberty and continues in it** and is **not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work**, this one will be blessed in what he does. **Note:** Hear the word, do the work.

Peace and blessings to you all, in the name of King Jesus!