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Part 17

Today's message continues on with the Gifts of the Spirit highlighting the Healing Gifts. **1 Corinthians 12:9** says; *“to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,”* You notice that it is plural, not singular. There are many different gifts of healing and they are only supernatural and are not to be mixed with the medical profession or naturopathic healing, for they are divinely given by the Holy Spirit. It's not prayers mixed with the practices of the doctor. In other words, after praying the prayer of faith over someone that they are sent to the doctor for them to give prescriptions or treatments. That would be contradictive. This is a Gift of Healing.

James 5:13-16 says the following; *“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. 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. 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. 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.”*

Healing is conditional upon your walk with the Lord. You may need to repent of sins that have opened the door to bring sickness into your life.

Let's repeat **verse 13** where it says; *“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.”* Suffering could refer to numerous things; a broken leg, pain in your body, a migraine headache, a result of not having all your needs met, psychological, depression, oppression etc., because whatever causes suffering will usually cause you to suffer physically. If you're suffering, the Bible says to pray.

Are you suffering today as a result of some sickness that has afflicted your body? Well your first responsibility is to draw upon the gift of healing within you, and pray for yourself to be healed. It might go above and beyond that too because if there is something that has caused your sickness, it also has to be dealt with. Regardless, you are supposed to take authority over the suffering by rising up in faith and pray the prayer of faith for healing. It's easy to run to someone to pray for you but you have the authority within you to pray for your healing.

But, if this sickness continues, you need to call upon elders in your church and they are to pray the prayer of faith. Why the church? God knows that when your at home alone sick, your faith to be healed is going to be weaker than it would be in an atmosphere of the church meeting, so by sending the elders of the church to you, it strengthens your faith to be healed, and with the contact of anointing oil, a symbol of the presence of the Holy Spirit, along with the prayers of faith, can not only can heal your body, but also lead you to salvation through repentance.

So, what exactly is the prayer of faith? That's the question today. **Mark 11:22-24** says the following; *“So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. 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. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”*

When we pray, we must **believe** that we receive and not give attention to symptoms, and exercise faith.

In **John 14:12-14**, Jesus says this; *“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. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”*

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Of course, we know that your prayers have to be morally in line with truth found in the Bible, and if they are, we read in **verse 14**; *“If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”* When it comes to healing, it’s God’s will for you to be healed. As we study today, we are not to pray, ‘if it be your will Lord that I be healed...’ It is God’s will to heal you or the person you’re praying for. He did absolutely everything to pay for and give you healing!

Matthew 8:16-17 says this; *“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, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.””* Matthew here is quoting from what the prophet Isaiah had prophesied hundreds of years earlier about what Jesus was going to do.

Jesus has **already** bore our sickness, therefore we simply need to just **appropriate** what is already ours. That’s the reason why when you read about the apostles healing the sick, you don’t hear them praying for them to be healed, but rather **commanding** them to be healed in Jesus name, by the authority given them by the Holy Spirit.

There is a big difference between saying, ‘I pray that you would be healed in the name of Jesus’ than saying ‘be healed in the name of Jesus’. The latter is praying the prayer of faith, believing that Jesus bore your sickness and simply applying what is already yours as a believer in him.

Either Jesus took your infirmities and bore your sicknesses or he didn’t. That may be the reason why a lot of Christians don’t pray the prayer of faith, and instead offer up one of those, ‘if it be the Lord’s will’ prayers of healing. It’s simply because they don’t **really believe or understand** what Jesus already has done for them according to what Isaiah said in **Isaiah 53:5**; *“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 are healed.”*

If you really **believed**, you would come in line with what the Bible says regarding healing in Jesus name.

When you pray the prayer, ‘if it be your will’, in essence you’re leaving the door open that the person you’re praying for or the prayer you’re praying over your life, possibly won’t get healed. But that doesn’t build faith in you or someone else does it? It gives room to doubt.

Another example is found in **Matthew 8:5-10**; *“Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.” And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” 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. 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.” 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!”*

The centurion in his own unworthiness knew that all Jesus had to do was speak the word and his servant would be healed.

Also, in **John 4:46-54** we read; *“So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.” The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!” Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, “Your son lives!” Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” So the father knew that it*

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was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, and his whole household. This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.”

These stories we’ve read about are *The Prayers of Faith!* Prayers that involve action and appropriation. They are; ‘be healed in Jesus name’, ‘go your way your son lives’, etc.

I believe the devil has built strongholds of doubt and unbelief in the minds of many in ministry, who entertain the thoughts of, ‘what if they don’t get healed?’, so they opt out of praying the prayer of faith. But it’s not their concern to guard their reputation, because it’s not their personal responsibility. It’s the responsibility of the Holy Spirit to watch over the word of the Lord to perform it. People are probably not getting healed for the most part because ministers are not delivering the word of the Lord in authority that God gives them. The prayer of faith heals the sick and will raise them up.

These verses we just read are great examples of the spoken word healing the sick. That was the authority Jesus walked in. There was no, ‘if it be thy will’ prayers for the sick. He sent his word forth to heal them all.

Again, to reiterate it says in **verse 50**; “*Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.*”

Believing what Jesus says in his word about healing is a very important part of **receiving** healing.

We read now what Isaiah the Prophet prophesied about Jesus before he was even born in **Isaiah 53:5**; “*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 are healed.*”

The stripes that Isaiah spoke about were the cat of nine tails whipping that Jesus took on his body from the Roman flogging. When Jesus often prayed for individuals to be healed, he would get them to do what they could not do as an act of faith.

Let’s read about it in **Mark 3:1-6**; “*And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. And He said to the man who had the withered hand, “Step forward.” Then He said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they kept silent. 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. Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.*”

The act of faith by this man to the command of Jesus is seen in **verse 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.*”

Another healing where Jesus commanded them to do something they couldn’t do before is with the ten lepers in **Luke 17: 11-19**. It says; “*Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. ¹³ And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”*”

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In **verse 14** again it says; “*So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.*” Jesus commanded them to ‘go to the priests’ – do something you couldn’t do. As they went...they were healed.

Another story is found in **2 Kings 5:1-19** where Naaman’s leprosy is healed. It says in **Verse 9-14**; “*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.*”

Naaman was expecting and wanted a big show of power by Elisha! He wanted the beautiful waters of Abanah and Pharpar and not the Jordan river! He had a big hissy fit, was angry and enraged at what the prophet told him to do. It looks like he wanted his healing his way. When he humbled himself in obedience to do something he didn’t want to do, he was healed. If he had only dipped six times, he would not have been healed. Naaman received his healing in his act of faith and obedience to what the prophet told him to do.

Have you been obedient to what a man or woman of God have told you to do to get your healing? Or have you acted immaturely like Naaman did? Just asking. Have you been obedient to what the Holy Spirit has told you in your heart or have you been rebellious like Naaman was? Has he asked you to repent of a sin in your life? Has he asked you to give up something that’s hindering you to receiving your healing? When you’re willing to do that, it’s the prayer of faith that heals.

Read what Jesus said in his last words to his disciples in **Mark 16:17-18**; “*And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 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.*”

Are you a believer, are you born again, are you a Christian? If so, these signs will follow you if you believe. If you don’t believe, they won’t follow you. Close the doors of doubt and unbelief that have hindered you from receiving your healing. Like Jesus taught his disciples, command healing in his name by the power of the Holy Spirit. Don’t waiver with thoughts of ‘if it’s your will God’. Remember...Jesus bore ALL infirmity in the crucifixion. Remember your authority as a believer.

Let’s read in **Acts 19:11-12** amazing miracles by the Apostle Paul. It says; “*Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.*”

These were not anointed cloths with oil. These were physical pieces of cloth and material that Paul had on his body or that he held or used. That’s why it says they were ‘unusual’ miracles. There would have been instructions from Paul to take whatever piece of garment he was using, to take to the sick person and the act of faith brought healing and deliverance.

Even with Jesus, unusual miracles like this happened too with the clothes he was wearing. We read about it in **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*

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well.” It was an act of faith for them to physically touch his clothing! What incredible faith that they KNEW that in just touching his garment they would be healed, no words spoken or hands being laid on them. That’s the gift of faith in operation!

Matthew 9:20-22 also tells the story of the woman who is healed by touching Jesus garment. It says; “*And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. For she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.” 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.”*”

Once again, we see faith in action which brings about healing. Do you have that faith in action in your life, appropriating what is already yours and walking in the authority as a believer, or are you still offering up those, ‘if it be your will’ prayers to be healed which are contrary to the Bible scriptures on healing? We need to change the way we pray for the sick, or if you’re in need of prayer, you need to act out your faith. Obey the Holy Spirit in what he’s telling you to do to get your healing. Don’t give room to the possibility that you won’t get healed, because that opens the door to unbelief.

Remember, Jesus bore your sicknesses and diseases and by his strips...**YOU ARE HEALED!** Appropriate what he did for you at the cross through the gift of faith. You can call it ‘name it and claim it’ or label it whatever you want. I’m not going to settle for sickness and disease but for healing and health. Remind the devil when he throws symptoms on you, that you’re standing and appropriating the healing that Jesus bore on himself. Command the devil to leave in Jesus name. The gift of faith for healings has been given by the Holy Spirit, it’s up to me to walk in it. That’s the prayer of faith.

We read a great script by Bob Snook, entitled ‘[Spit](#)’. It’s excellent.