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**SCHOOL OF HEALING #1**

**SEPTEMBER**

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**Acorn School of Healing 2**

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**Programme:**

- 10:00: Part 1 – Twelve Stories
- 10:30: Break
- 10:40: Part 2 – Corporate / Pregnancies / Promises / Prayers
- 11:10: Break
- 11:20: Part 3 – Atonement Four Perspectives / One Issue
- 11:50: Break
- 12:00: Part 4 – Four Tales / Four Truths
- 12:30: Close

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## School of Healing



### Part 1: Healing in the Old Testament A Tale of Twelve Stories

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## Healing in the Old Testament



- The Bible is one narrative – in two books
- The Old Testament is God's story with with humanity through Israel
- The New Testament is God's story with humanity through the Church and Israel!

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## Healing in the Old Testament



- It is one consistent story of the self-revelation of God and...His dealings with us
- There is the expectation in Genesis that we will share in his world and Kingdom
- After the Fall/Jump everything else is recovery
- Revelation completes the story...so far!

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## God's redemptive play



- Act 1 - Creation - Author sets out the plot
- Act 2 - The Fall - first element of conflict
- Act 3 - Story of Israel - recovery promised
- Act 4 - Story of Jesus - decisive pivotal act
- Act 5 - Church/2nd coming - resolution

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## God's redemptive play



### Inaugurated Eschatology – both “now” & “not yet”

*To pray “your kingdom come” at Jesus’ bidding...meant to align oneself with his kingdom movement and to seek God’s power in furthering its ultimate fulfillment. It meant adding one’s own prayer to the total performance of Jesus’ agenda. It meant celebrating in the presence of God the fact that the kingdom was already breaking in, and looking eagerly for its consummation. - (N.T. Wright)*

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## Healing in the Old Testament God in our history



- Adam and Eve – God is with us (Gen 3:8)
- Israel – God is among us (Lev 26:11/12)
- Christ – God is in us (Jn 14:23/17)

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## Healing in the Old Testament



### Healing happened...

- 12 incidences of individuals being healed
- 3 incidences of corporate healing

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## Healing in the Old Testament



### 12 individual healings #1

- Gen 20:1-8 / Abraham & Abimelech
- Num 12:1-15 / Miriam
- 1 Sam 1:9-20 / Hannah
- 1 Kings 13:4-6 / Jeroboam

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## Healing in the Old Testament



### 12 individual healings #2

- 1 Kings 17:17-24 / Elijah & widow's son
- 2 Kings 4:8-17 / Elisha & Shunamite woman 1
- 2 Kings 4:18-37 / Elisha & Shunamite woman 2
- 2 Kings 5:1-14 / Naaman

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## Healing in the Old Testament



### 12 individual healings #3

- 2 Kings 13:21 / Elijah's tomb
- 2 Kings 20:17 / Hezekiah (Is 38:14&16)
- Job 42:10-17 / Job
- Dan 4:34 / Nebuchadnezzar

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### Part 2:

### Healing in the Old Testament

### Corporate / Pregnancies / Promises / Prayers

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## Healing in the Old Testament



### 3 corporate healings

- Num 16:46-50 / Aaron and the plague
- Num 21:4-9 / Moses and the bronze serpent
- 2 Sam 24:10-25 / David and the plague

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## Healing in the Old Testament



### 3 pregnancies

- Gen 18:10 & 21:2 Sarah (Isaac)
- Judg 13:5-25 Manoah's wife (Samson)
- 1 Sam 1:19-20 Hannah (Samuel)

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## Healing in the Old Testament



### Promises

- Ex 15:26
- Ex 23:26
- Deut 7:15
- Hos 6:1
- Is 29:16
- Is 29:18
- Is 33:24
- Is 35:5-6
- Ez 47:12
- Mal 4:2

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## Healing in the Old Testament



### Prayers

- Psalm 6:2
- Psalm 30:2
- Psalm 41:4
- Psalm 116: 1 – 10
- Is 38: 9 -16
- Jer 17:14

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### Part 3: Healing in the Old Testament Atonement / Four Perspectives / One Issue

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## Healing in the Old Testament Is 53:4-6 - The Atonement



Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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## Healing in the Old Testament Ps 103:2-4 -The Atonement



Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion; who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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## Healing in the Old Testament Matt 8 -The Atonement



<sup>14</sup>When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. <sup>15</sup>He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him. <sup>16</sup>When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. <sup>17</sup>This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

"He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases."

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## Healing in the Old Testament The Atonement – 4 views



- A courtroom – penal substitution (Schreiner)
- A hospital – healing the whole person (Reichenbach)
- A battlefield – Christus Victor (Boyd)
- A classroom – kaleidoscopic (Green)

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## Healing in the Old Testament The Atonement – One Issue



- Is Healing included in the Cross?
- Why do we think it is?
- Why do some think it isn't?

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### Part 4: Healing in the Old Testament

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## Healing in the Old Testament Four Tales – Four truths



- Abraham and Abimelech (Gen 20)
- Aaron and the plague (Numbers 16)
- Elisha and Naaman (2 Kings 4)
- Isaiah and Hezekiah (Isaiah 38)

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## Healing in the Old Testament Four stories – Four truths



- **Abraham and Abimelech (Gen 20)**
- Meeting the needs of others whilst we are incomplete and in need

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**Healing in the Old Testament**  
**Four stories – Four truths**

- **Aaron and the plague (Numbers 16)**
- Standing between the living and the dead – taking responsibility before God

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**Healing in the Old Testament**  
**Four stories – Four truths**

- **Elisha and Naaman (2 Kings 4)**
- Take nothing of the glory for ourselves

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**Healing in the Old Testament**  
**Four stories – Four truths**

- **Isaiah and Hezekiah (Is 38:14 7 16)**
- God is open to our prayers

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