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# WHAT DID JESUS HEAL

## 12 'THEN' STORIES FOR MY 'NOW'...

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- #1 Oedema
- #2 Paralysis
- #3 Fever
- #4 Leprosy
- #5 Bleeding
- #6 Deafness
- #7 Dumbness
- #8 Seizures
- #9 **Blindness**
- #10 Deformity
- #11 Childhood illnesses
- #12 Damaged bodies

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# SoH 21:3: Part One

## The Values & Mechanics of Prayer Ministry



## Prayer Ministry

- A moment of the 'Presence' – Lk 6:17
- The role of a midwife
- Waiting on the initiative of the Holy Spirit
- Where possible 'with' the person not 'to' the person

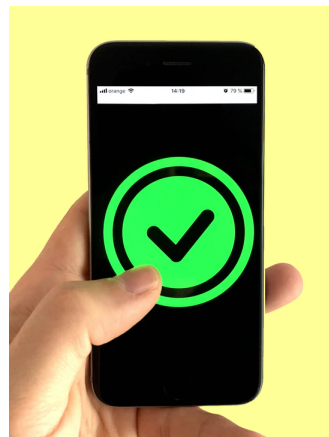


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- Credible
- Compassionate
- Competent

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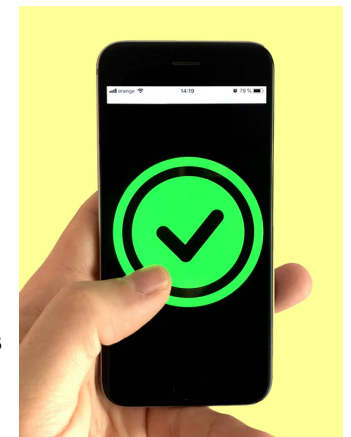


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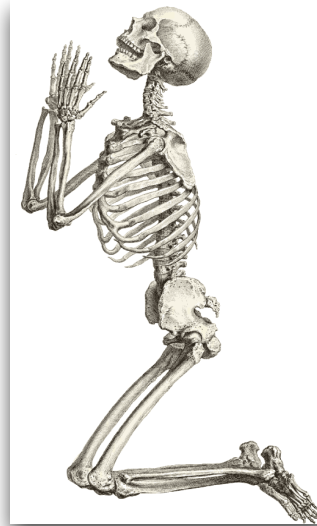
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## The Values & Mechanics of Prayer Ministry

# Values



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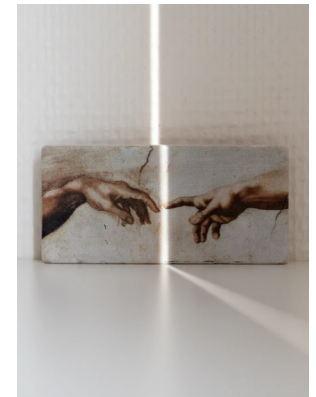


# God Humanity Ministry Community

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## God

- We believe that love is the essence of God's being and that blessing is his default position. God's first response to the creation of humanity was to bless them.
  - We are to be a ministry of blessing and generosity.
- We believe that compassion is the hallmark of the ministry of Jesus. Knowing the Father's deep love for the world, Jesus is drawn to act, speak, feed, heal and teach and ultimately give his life for the world.
  - We are to serve sacrificially on behalf of Christ.
- We believe that God's word, and words, are true, bringing light and life to the whole person. We, therefore, speak the truth with one another with grace and compassion.
  - We can only speak truth that heals when we do so in love.



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## Humanity

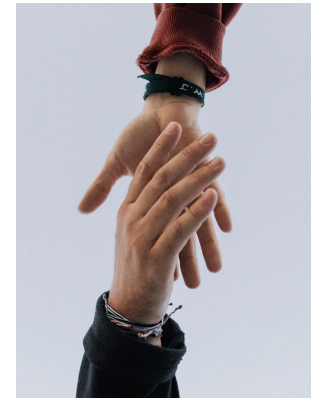
- **Every person is unique and made in the image of God.**
  - We will identify and enhance the image and work of God in every person. We will not try and make anyone into a copy of ourselves.
- **Every person has worth derived from the value placed upon them by God, and demonstrated by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**
  - We will regard every person, regardless of the situation they find themselves in or the background from which they come, as of immense value to God, and therefore to us.
- **Every person is created with the need to experience God's 'life encompassing' shalom**
  - We will live as a channel of God's healing grace to all we encounter.



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## Ministry

- **Wholeness is healing from God that touches every part of his creation and, therefore, our lives.**
  - We will serve the whole person, but we will not assume the place of God in another person's life or journey.
- **Every person is the focus of God's grace, which forms the manner in which he interacts with humanity.**
  - We will treat every person with dignity and respect
- **Transformation is possible for everyone.**
  - We live as people of hope because of the resurrection; therefore, we believe that anything can change



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## Community

- **Relationship reflects the reality that exists between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**
  - We will maintain transparent and emotionally healthy relationships
- **Responsibility - We all share in the responsibility for the quality of our own life**
  - We will not transfer on to others issues that we need to deal with ourselves
- **Redemptive – failure does not exclude us from relationship or community**
  - We accept that God offers everyone the gift of beginning again.



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## Values to carry you through ministry

### Consider:

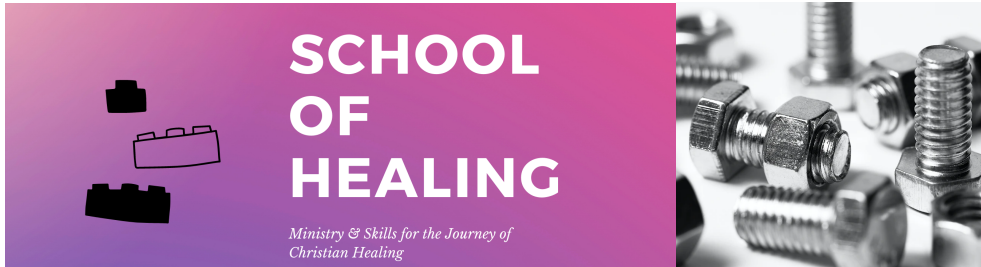
- What are your non-negotiables?
- What are theological essentials?
- What are personal preferences?
- How did you arrive at the list?
- How can you make them memorable? - phrases to inform your praxis
- What do they look like in practice?



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# SoH 21:3: Part Two

## The Values & Mechanics of Prayer Ministry



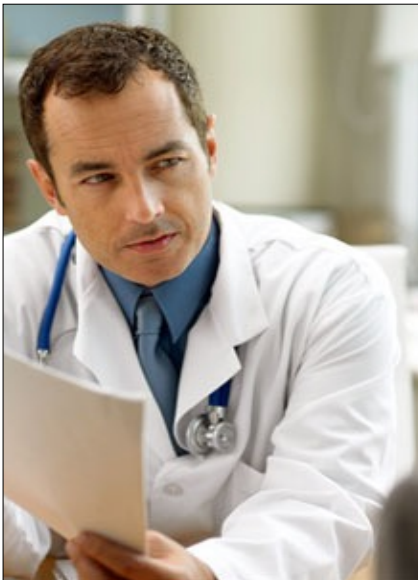
## Respectful

- The person offering this ministry needs to convey the deepest respect for and to the person asking for ministry.
- How might we do this?



## Inclusive

- The ministry needs to be inclusive of medical care and other caring professions, and to regard this as all part of God's work.
- How might we do this?



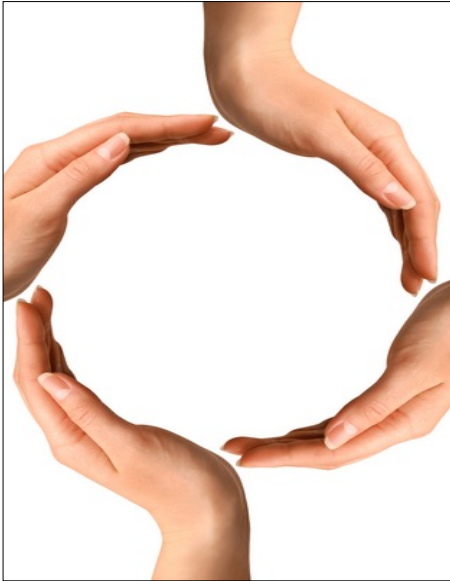
## Community

- The healing ministry needs to be carried out within the context of a caring community, and not regarded as the work of a specialist.
- How might we do this?



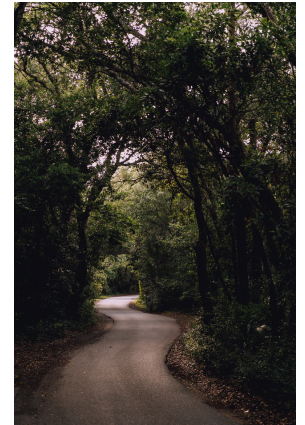
## Holistic

- The healing ministry needs to take note that we are body, mind and spirit and that we need to listen to and attend to the whole person.
- What does this look like?



## A model for prayer ministry

- Not a formula
- A possible pathway
- A starting place
- A fall-back



## School of Healing : 21

### #1 THE INTERVIEW

Introduce yourself, then ask,

**“How can I pray for you?” or “Where does it hurt?”**

**“What do you need Jesus to do for you?”**

This is not a medical interview, but rather an opportunity to listen as we assess the person’s need.



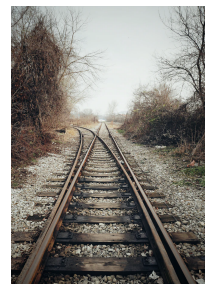
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### #2 THE DIAGNOSIS

**“Why does this person have this condition?”**

Identify the underlying issue you sense God is inviting you to pray for.

It could be physical, emotional, relational, or otherwise.



## School of Healing : 21

### #3 PRAYER SELECTION

“What kind of prayer is needed to help this person?”



You can also ask, “Lord, (what) do you want to heal right now?”

Consider prayers of intercession, command, pronouncement, rebuke (of demonic influences), and agreement.

## School of Healing : 21

### #4 PRAYER ENGAGEMENT

“How effective are our prayers right now?”



Move into prayer, laying hands on the person (respectfully and by invitation), and asking further interview questions as necessary. Pray according to your diagnostic decision and prayer selection, listening to the Spirit.

In our prayer ministry we are **not** talking to the person but to God

## School of Healing : 21

### #5 POST-PRAYER DIRECTION

“What should this person do to remain healed?” or  
“What should this person do if he or she was not healed?”



Offer some **simple direction** to the person who was prayed for. Encourage them to receive more prayer. Encourage the person to nurture a deep relationship with God,

If a healing occurred, encourage them to **get confirmation** from a medical professional and document what God did.

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## The Ministry of Jesus: Mark 9

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**14** When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. **15** As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

**16** “What are you arguing with them about?” he asked.

**17** A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech.

**18** Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

**19** “You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”

## The Ministry of Jesus: Mark 9

**20** So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. **21** Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered.

**22** “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.” **23** “If you can’t?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.” **24** Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” **25** When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

## The Ministry of Jesus: Mark 9

**26** The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” **27** But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

**28** After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”

**29** He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.[a]”



# The Ministry of Jesus: Mark 9

v14-16: public contention 1(human argument)

v17-18: the need

v19: dealing with unbelief (prevailing culture)

v20: contention 2 (demonic manifestation)

v21-22: interview (finding the root)

v23-24: building faith (boy's father is involved)

v25a: dealing with the public dimension (circus)

v25b-27: healing/deliverance<sub>a</sub>

v28-29: private debrief with the disciples



# The Ministry of Jesus: Mark 9

- Handles the crowds
- Gives instructions
- Asks questions
- Encourages faith
- Takes people outside the village
- Takes Peter James and John with him
- Dismisses others from the situation



# SoH 21:3: Part Four The Values & Mechanics of Prayer Ministry



## SoH 21:3

**Part Four:  
Prayer and Ministry:  
15 minutes of grace**



**Part Four:  
Q&A:  
15 minutes of light**



# SoH 21:3: Part Five

## The Values & Mechanics of Prayer Ministry



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### John Graham Lake

- In late 1914 Lake founded The Divine Healing Institute
- He began training “Divine Healing Technicians”.
- From February 1915 until May 1920, Lake and his “DHT’s” reported over 100,000 healings.
- Lake then moved to Portland, Oregon, where he duplicated the work by founding a church and Healing Rooms.
- After five years in Portland, Lake began traveling down the California coast establishing Healing Rooms and churches.
- In 1927 He went to Houston, Texas, and did the same process
- In 1931, he relocated to Spokane and bought an old Methodist church, starting his last work including a church and a healing room



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### John Graham Lake

- **Divine Healing Technicians** - not just theory but practice
- After sufficient Biblical teaching and input from Lake’s own ministry experience, each DHT was assigned to the home of a sick person.
- He gave them clear instruction -  
“**Do not come back to class until that person is healed!**”
- Some stayed an hour, some a day, some weeks - but on return they all understood what it took to see someone healed.
- They learned to **spend time** with the sick - **teach them the Word of God**, and be sensitive to each one’s **specific needs**.
- As a result the DHT ministered **daily** to as many as 200 people
- The Institute it became known as the ‘Healing Rooms’



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## Guidelines:

### How to... courage and wisdom



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## Guidelines for prayer ministry

- A specific ministry
- A representative role
- Not counselling



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## Guidelines for prayer ministry

- Safety



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## Scenario 1:

Agnes felt there was something wrong in her new home and was not at peace, sensing something was ‘in the house.’

After prayer with her vicar she still felt uneasy and asked someone from a ministry she had heard of, to come and pray in the house. During the visit they told her that there was some demonic presence, which emanated from 4 generations back. Despite deliverance ministry, her unease continues. She comes to church over a period of several months and receives prayer ministry, anointing with oil and Holy Communion. She remains anxious and is unable to make any progress towards freedom. The team who are praying for her are aware that she is displaying signs of memory loss and an inability to focus on reality.

She and her husband will be at the next healing service and you have been asked to pray with them.

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## Scenario 2:

Pat is in his late fifties and a recent convert to Christ. He is a grandfather but has advanced pancreatic cancer. At a healing service he asks for prayer, because “I cannot die. I am the only grandfather my children have left and they need me”.

Over a number of months the team have prayed for, and with, him and his wife. He is holding on to a ‘promise’ from Scripture, that if we ask and believe, we will receive.

He has seen some modest improvement in his condition, but he and his wife are naturally vulnerable and afraid. They see connection to the church as a literal ‘lifeline’.

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## Prayer Ministry Scenarios

- Elderly female
- Recent male convert
- Think ministry not social work!
- How might you pray?



## April 10th: (post Easter) The Ministry and Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Healing Ministry



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