



Be Healed

I think you all know what kind of picture our mind conjures up when we think of a healing preacher. We think of the big tent type of revival, with people dancing and singing up and down the aisles, and a sweaty preacher in an old suit, dabbing the sweat off his brow as he lifts his upraised hands, and as he walks up and down, exhorting the name of the Lord, and as he goes around the stage, having lines of the devout marching up on crutches and in wheelchairs, wheezing, just barely making it up there, and having the preacher say some words, praying over them, and whacking them on the forehead, them falling back into the arms of a waiting assistant, and then walking off the stage, praising God and enjoyed their healing.....

Do you think I'm going to belittle that? Do you think I'm going to say "it can't happen"?

Wrong!!! I believe with all my heart that if God wants to heal someone up there on that stage, He can and will do just exactly that.....

That picture I painted was admittedly something of a caricature, and while the preacher may be there, there are two things and two things alone that make that healing take place.....

One, the immeasurable, unstoppable power of God. Nothing can surpass that power.....God created the world as we know it with but a thought. If He wants to heal Aunt Mary's lumbago, He can do just that....

And Number Two.....She had to believe!! Faith is the ultimate enabler.....

Without faith, nothing will happen.....we can wish for things, for our own well-being, and if we believe with all our heart, we will receive what we ask....

Let's look first at a story that Jesus Christ Himself called the greatest example of faith He had ever seen...

Look with me first at Luke 7, starting at verse 1.....

Luke 7

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.

Let’s stop there for a minute.....

He Said.....**I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel....**

What a tribute this was to this Roman Centurion....this Gentile, a Roman officer of all people, among all of the people with whom Christ had contact, throughout the Holy Land, He had never seen a greater faith....from anyone....

The Miracles kept coming for those who were touched by Christ.....the next day, He was at the center of another miracle....the scripture continues at verse 11....

11 Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.

12 And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.”

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.”

15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

16 Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen up among us”; and, “God has visited His people.”

17 And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

The word spread like a wildfire.....this young man, this traveling preacher from Nazareth whom the priests and the Pharisees seemed to resent so vehemently,



gave His blessings and healing to a Gentile, of all people.

You've got to always remember one thing special about Jesus Christ.....He was never too tired, and He never learned how to say NO! He could never turn anyone away, He could not deny anyone the healing that they needed, that they could get only from Him.....

I have another scripture for you. This one took place right after Jesus healed a woman with an issue of blood.....you'll remember how she pressed through a crowd with just the hope of touching His garment, and when she did, He turned and asked who touched Him, because He felt the power go out from Him.....

He told that woman that her faith had healed her.....right after that, the next scripture in Matthew 9, starting at verse 27, took place.....

Matthew 9:27-38

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.**"

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "**See that no one knows it.**"

31 But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

32 As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed.

33 And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "**It was never seen like this in Israel!**"

34 But the Pharisees said, "**He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.**"

They figured He had to be the devil to command demons like that.....they never gave Him credit for being the Son of God.....

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.

36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

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There you go....there's the mission.....**there's our mission!!!**

This world is a field that is ripe for harvest...that's what Jesus was talking about. And in His own words, the sad thing is that for all the rich, ripe harvest out there in the field of mankind, the field workers are all too few and far between.....and it's a shame to let the crops go to ruin in the field, so pray that the Lord of the Harvest sends enough to bring in the crops....

In the words of the song about the Old Rugged Cross, because of Jesus Christ, a world of lost sinners was saved. Our mission in life is outside those doors..... we can meet people out there that need Jesus desperately!

We live in a world of hurting people. We see men and women and children every day in pain and anguish.....sometimes it may be physical pain, like arthritis, or joint pain, heart troubles, back troubles, sometimes it may be emotional pain.....unhappiness, discouragement, hard feelings....

But make no mistake about it.....there is pain everywhere. **As always, Jesus was then, and is today, the answer.** At the end of the Bible, in the Book of James, we have a book of scripture written by the brother of Jesus.

In this book, we have one of the most memorable bits of scripture in the entire Bible. Right here, in this church, we conducted a prayer meeting a few years back, and prayed for the healing of several members.

Let's read the scripture first, then we'll talk about it....remember these words.....

James 5:13

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.

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.

Is anyone suffering.....Yes, everywhere you look, someone is suffering. They need Jesus. Is anyone cheerful.....some are, many are not...Show them the true



inner happiness that only a Christian can know! Is anyone sick.....yes, mentally, physically, emotionally, medically.....The Great Physician can heal them absolutely, totally, body and soul!

God needs us strong, and sound of spirit, and ready for action.....

We are God's army, and we have been given our assignments.....

Go out there, into that world of hurting people, and let them know that you have the cure.....

Spread the Word.....I mean the Capital W Word.....Take the Gospel with you everywhere you go.....wrap yourself in it, take the Full Armor of God with you out there on the battlefield.

And when you need help, He'll be there. He has known you since before you were born.....He knew that you'd always be there when the time was right...just as He offered Himself on the cross to save humankind, He knew that one day you'd tell His story to someone who needed to hear it, that one day you'd show someone how Christ loved people, utterly, without reservations.....

And the Words that you give these other people, the Good News of Christ's Gospel, the Power of Truth, the story of He who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, will give them far more than a mere physical healing.....

You will show them the path to healing their broken souls, their battered spirits, their crippled hearts, their injured minds, their ragged emotions.....

With Christ, they'll never be hurt again.....Truly, in Jesus, they will be Healed!

Let us Pray!

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