

**Date** : 16 Aug 2020

**Theme** : Back to the basics

**Topic** : The Lord is the Healer (Part 2)

**Passage** : *Luke 10 : 17-20*

**Key verse:** *...I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy, nothing will harm you. Luke 10:19*

## **Introduction / Review**

3 weeks ago, we learnt about spiritual root of diseases. That bitter root is a spiritual stronghold with its underlings of evil spirits of unforgiveness, anger, violence, murder. The presence of these evil spirits result in deep-rooted resistance to healing. Their sources must be uprooted. Most diseases and medical conditions like rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes are in fact syndromes of spiritual roots.

Last week we considered the first 3 of the 5 keys of healing. Sick believers in need of healing as well as believers bringing the healing must know and practise the 5 keys below to experience open door to healing.

### **1) We acknowledge God is willing and powerful. The truths we acknowledge are :**

- It is God's wish to heal *3 John 2*
- Both power and authority are available
- Jesus is the healer; Satan is the killer.

### **2) We are delegated with Jesus' power and authority**

- How much power has been given to all genuine believers *Luke 10:19*
- What is it for? To resist the power of the enemy
- Result? The enemy as well as the sickness will flee from you.

### **3) Healing must be ACTIVATED by voice commands**

- Jesus rebuked the fever *Luke 4:38*
- Jesus commanded the man with leprosy to be clean *Luke 5:13*
- The centurion recognised Jesus' words of authority  
*... say the word, and my servant will be healed... Luke 7:7*
- Jesus spoke forgiveness of sin to paralytic man and commanded him to  
*... get up, take your mat and go home. Luke 10 : 20-24*

## Sermon : The Lord is the Healer (Part 2)

### 4a) How do we build up our Faith?

- Hear the preaching of the word / testimonies of faith
  - expect healing based on God's word, not your past experience.
- Act on healing by faith
  - resist the Devil's whisperings, like...  
*...it won't work... cannot trust what God says.*
  - when you fail to see results and you hear the voice of unbelief, like...  
*...there you are, it didn't work...*
  - do not echo the devil's voice of doubts, like...  
*...I thought God healed me, but I doubt it now ... the pain has come back...*

(What happens when you repeat negative words and fears.  
It opens doors for the devil to afflict us with pain).

- Voice agreement with God's word. God is willing to heal *Luke 5:13*.  
Do not voice agreement with the enemy.

### 4b) Healing must be RECEIVED with faith *Hebrews 11:1, 6*

- The sick must want healing from God (the blind beggar of Jericho *Mark 10:46-52*)
- Faith must be exercised by the sick and/or healing disciple  
*...Jesus saw their faith... Luke 5:20*

### 4c) How does Faith honour God?

- √ faith is trusting in God's word (not in my experience); before the healing (not after).  
(example, John Wimber) He continued praying for healing for 6 months even when he did not receive any answer to healing at all.
- √ faith is trusting in Jesus for faith to believe and to heal (despite doubts and fears)  
(distressed father of boy afflicted with an evil spirit)  
He cried out to Jesus *...I do believe, help me overcome my disbelief!... Mark 9:24*
- √ faith is submitting to Jesus' orders of authority  
(Centurion of Capernaum) He understood authority and submission  
*... (You) say the word, and my servant will be healed... Luke 7:7*

#### 4d) Problem : Why do Christians not exercise faith in healing?

(example, every cutting edge industry operates both manufacturing and research)

√ faith implies risk-taking, involves mistakes and failures

#### 4e) How does faith operate for the one receiving healing?

(man whose face was half-paralysed)

√ healing takes place in the spirit man first (before manifesting in the physical)

√ hearing God's word births faith in the spirit man *Romans 10:17*

√ living by God's word satisfies man's greatest need *Matthew 4:4*

#### 4f) Why are there more miracles in one place and declining miracles in another?



No honour to Jesus *Luke 4:23-24*

- Jesus spoke out publicly the contemptuous thoughts of the people of Nazareth (His own hometown) toward Him.

They used the common phrase *Physician heal yourself* on Jesus to mean that He could not do in His own country what was reported that He had done in neighbouring Capernaum.



Unbelief and rejection of God's prophet *Luke 4:25-27*

- As Nazareth was rejecting Jesus, so did their ancestors, Israel, who were unworthy of the great prophets; Elijah and Elisha worked their miracles of mercy among heathens, rather than in Israel.

Result : No hungry in Israel received bread by Elijah (except the widow of Zarephath) and no leper was healed by Elisha (except Naaman), a Gentile Syrian.

#### 5) Healing must be KEPT with sanctification

- Enthroned Jesus as King of our life
- going back to our old ways and allegiance opens doors to relapse of the sickness
- leaving a vacuum in our hearts result in re-entry / possession by the enemy *Luke 11:25, 26*
- Jesus must be welcomed in our life (alcoholic man did not welcome Jesus)
- Blockages must be removed; we must live in obedience to Jesus (lady who was demonised the 2<sup>nd</sup> time)

#### Application

a) We are commanded to see and perceive (grasp) that Jesus has given us authority to trample on the spirits of infirmity. *Luke 10:19*

*Declare : Lord, I receive Your authority over all the power of the enemy. I strengthen my faith in Your promise through Your word.*

b) Pray healing for someone this week.

*...I pray (euxomai = wish, desire, yearn) 3 John 2*