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COURSE OUTLINE

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1- THE BASIS OF HEALING

- Most people can acknowledge God's ability to heal, but many are unsure of His willingness or their worthiness.
- Our doctrine (what we believe) is to be based upon God's Word, not our experience (or lack of experience).
- God speaks to our spirit; agreement must come from our soul (mind, will, emotions).

A. GOD'S WILL – ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Rev 21:3-4 - And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be **no more death**, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be **no more pain**, for the former things have passed away."

Matt 8:1-3 - When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. ²And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "**Lord, if You are willing**, You can make me clean." ³Then Jesus put out *His* hand and touched him, saying, "**I am willing; be cleansed.**" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Matt 6:10 - '**Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**'

B. THE OLD TESTAMENT REVELATION

Exodus 15:22-26 - So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. ²³Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they *were* bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. ²⁴And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" ²⁵So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast *it* into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, ²⁶and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For **I am the Lord who heals you.**"

- rapha – to cure, heal, repair, mend, restore health.

C. THE ATONEMENT

Isaiah 53:4-5 - Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But 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**.

- Grievs = make sick, anxiety, sicknesses
- Sorrows = grief, pain, sorrow
- Transgressions = rebellion, sin, transgression
- Iniquities = perversity, i.e. moral evil
- Chastisement = reproof, correction, discipline
- Peace = *shalom*, well being
- Stripes = scourging
- Healed = mend, cure, repair

1 Peter 2:24 - who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—**by whose stripes you were healed**.

D. OUR “BENEFITS PACKAGE”

Psa 103:2-3 - Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all **His benefits**:
³Who **forgives all** your iniquities, Who **heals all** your diseases,

Matt 15:21-28 - Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” ²³But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” ²⁴But He answered and said, **“I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”** ²⁵Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” ²⁶But He answered and said, **“It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”** ²⁷And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered and said to her, **“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.”** And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

E. THE MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM INCLUDES HEALING

Matt 4:23 - And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease** among the people.

Luke 9:1-2 - Then He called His **twelve** disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. ²He sent them to **preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick**.

Luke 10:1-2, 9 - After these things the Lord appointed **seventy others** also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. ²Then He said to them, “**The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest....⁹ And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’**”

John 2:23 - Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, **many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.**

F. GOD’S GOODNESS – HEALING MAY PRECEED REPENTANCE

Rom 2:4 - Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that **the goodness of God leads you to repentance?**

Matt 11:20 - Then He began to rebuke **the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done**, because they **did not repent**:

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2- THE SCOPE OF HEALING

A. MINISTRY OF JESUS

Acts 10:38 - how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and **healing all who were oppressed by the devil**, for God was with Him.

Matt 4:23-24 - And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing **all kinds of sickness** and **all kinds of disease** among the people. ²⁴Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him **all sick people** who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and **He healed them**.

Matt 8:16-17 - 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**, ¹⁷that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: *“He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.”*

Matt 12:15 - But when Jesus knew *it*, He withdrew from there. And **great multitudes** followed Him, and **He healed them all**.

B. EARLY CHURCH

Acts 5:12-16 - And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon’s Porch. ¹³Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. ¹⁴And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. ¹⁶Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, **and they were all healed**.

C. US

John 14:12-14 - **“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. ¹³And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.”**

D. SOZO – heal, save, make well or whole – God has provided a complete salvation, i.e. healing for every area of our lives (spirit, soul, body)

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**.

1 Thess 5:23 - Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely (entirely); and **may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless (complete)** at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3 John 1:2 - Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and **be in health, just as your soul prospers**.

E. SALVATION (the greatest miracle)

- 1) Spirit (spiritual) – Justification (past)
- 2) Soul (emotional) – Sanctification (present)
- 3) Body (physical) – Glorification (future)

1. Spirit (Justify = “Just-if-I’d” never sinned)

Rom 5:1-2 - Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Titus 3:4-7 - But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷that having been **justified by His grace** we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Rom 5:9 - Much more then, having now been **justified by His blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

2. Soul (Sanctify = set apart)

Acts 26:18 – ‘to open their eyes, *in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.*’

3. Body (Glorify)

1 John 3:2 - Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is.

1 Cor 15:50-52 - Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.
⁵¹Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all **be changed**—⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be **raised incorruptible**, and we shall **be changed**.

F. EQUIPPING & HEALING

Eph 4:11-12 - And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the **equipping** of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

- Equipping: A making fit, preparing, training, perfecting, making fully qualified for service. In classical language (Greek) the word is used for **setting a bone during surgery**.
 - God wants to heal all our brokenness
 - Others will be part of the process
 - John 11:43-44 - Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "**Lazarus, come forth!**" ⁴⁴And **he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes**, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. **Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."**

G. OTHER ASPECTS OF HEALING:

2 Chron 7:14 - if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and **heal their land**.

Rev 22:1-2 - And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ²In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for **the healing of the nations**.

Jer 3:22 - "Return, you backsliding children (faithless sons), **and I will heal your backslidings (faithlessness)**." "Indeed we do come to You, for You are the Lord our God.

H. REDEMPTIVE GIFTS – CITIES & NATIONS

- Pittsburgh – healing & the prophetic
- **Healing manifests in Pittsburgh both in the natural as well as the spiritual**

Natural

1778 – Hand Hospital opened. This was the **first federal hospital built in America**, and, for 64 years was the only medical institution west of the Alleghenies. (While the city's first real hospital, Hand was not a general hospital.)

1847 – The Sisters of Mercy of Pittsburgh founded the **first permanent hospital in Western Pennsylvania** and the first Mercy Hospital in the world.

1953 – **Polio Vaccine**. Dr. Jonas E. Salk, a 38-year-old University of Pittsburgh researcher and professor, reported success of a new polio vaccine tried on human beings; the vaccine was developed by him and his staff at Pitt.

1989 – **Transplants. First heart, liver and kidney transplant** done in simultaneous operations at Presbyterian-University Hospital.

Among its many medical firsts, Pittsburgh was the site of the **first hospital-based helicopter in the Northeast**—Life Flight.

The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center includes 40 buildings in Oakland. It's **one of the world's most concentrated medical complexes**.

Spiritual

Jack Coe – highlight of his ministry – 6 weeks on North Side of Pittsburgh – Summer 1954

Kathryn Kuhlman – On July 4, 1948 the first Kathryn Kuhlman "miracle service" was held at Carnegie Hall, North Side - the first of many such services to be held regularly over the years of her ministry in Pittsburgh.

Bill Yount's prophecy – Kathryn Kuhlman's ministry was just the tip of the ice berg as far as what God wants to do in Pittsburgh

3 - THE PURSUIT OF HEALING

A. UNDETERRED BY ISSUES

Matt 9:20-22 - And suddenly, a woman who had a flow (issue) of blood for twelve years came from behind and **touched the hem of His garment**. ²¹For **she said to herself**, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well."
²²But 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.

Mark 5:25-34 - Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and had **suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.** ²⁷When she heard about Jesus, she came behind *Him* in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."
²⁹Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and **she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.** ³⁰And Jesus, immediately **knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him**, turned around in the crowd and said, "**Who touched My clothes?**" ³¹But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, '**Who touched Me?**'"
³²And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. ³³But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴And He said to her, "**Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.**"

Luke 8:42b-48 - But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. ⁴³Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had **spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any,** ⁴⁴**came from behind and touched the border of His garment.** And immediately her flow of blood stopped. ⁴⁵And Jesus said, "**Who touched Me?**" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the **multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'**" ⁴⁶But Jesus said, "**Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.**" ⁴⁷Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. ⁴⁸And He said to her, "**Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.**"

Matt 14:34-36 - When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. ³⁵And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him **all who were sick,** ³⁶and begged Him **that they might only touch the hem of His garment.** And as many as touched *it* were made perfectly well.

Malachi 4:2 - But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with **healing in His wings**; And you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves.

B. A MOTHER'S DESIRE

Matt 15:21-28 - Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." ²³But **He answered her not a word**. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." ²⁴But He answered and said, "**I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**" ²⁵Then **she came and worshiped Him**, saying, "Lord, help me!" ²⁶But He answered and said, "**It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs.**" ²⁷And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered and said to her, "**O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.**" And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

C. CARRIED BY FRIENDS

Mark 2:1-12 - And again He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. ²Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. ³Then they came to Him, bringing **a paralytic who was carried by four men**. ⁴And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. ⁵When **Jesus saw their faith**, He said to the paralytic, "**Son, your sins are forgiven you.**" ⁶And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷"Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "**Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'?**" ¹⁰But **that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins**"—He said to the paralytic, ¹¹"**I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.**" ¹²Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw *anything* like this!"

D. WHEN JESUS IS PASSING BY

Luke 18:35-43 - Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a **certain blind man** sat by the road begging. ³⁶And **hearing a multitude passing by**, he asked what it meant. ³⁷So **they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by**. ³⁸And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, ⁴¹saying, **"What do you want Me to do for you?"** He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." ⁴²Then Jesus said to him, **"Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."** ⁴³And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise to God.

Mark 10:46-52 - Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, **blind Bartimaeus**, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. ⁴⁷And **when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out** and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." ⁵⁰And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. ⁵¹So Jesus answered and said to him, **"What do you want Me to do for you?"** The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, **"Go your way; your faith has made you well."** And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

Mark 6:45-48 - Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away. ⁴⁶And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land. ⁴⁸Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night **He came to them**, walking on the sea, **and would have passed them by**.

Luke 24:28 - Then they drew near to the village where they were going, **and He indicated (acted as though = pretend) that He would have gone farther**.

E. DO WHAT? – AN UNUSUAL INSTRUCTION

2 Kings 5:1-14 - Now **Naaman**, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, *but* a leper. ²And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive **a young girl from the land of Israel**. She waited on Naaman's wife. ³Then she said to her mistress, **"If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy."** ⁴And *Naaman* went in

and told his master, saying, “Thus and thus said the girl who *is* from the land of Israel.” ⁵Then the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand *shekels* of gold, and ten changes of clothing. ⁶Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, ‘*Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy.*’ ⁷And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me.” ⁸So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.” ⁹Then **Naaman** went with his horses and chariot, and he **stood at the door of Elisha’s house.** ¹⁰And **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.” ¹¹But 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.’ ¹²Are 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. ¹³And 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’?” ¹⁴So **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.**

F. FAITH & HEALING

Acts 14:8-10 - And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother’s womb, who had never walked. ⁹*This* man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and **seeing that he had faith to be healed,** ¹⁰said with a loud voice, “Stand up straight on your feet!” And he leaped and walked.

- “As you have believed”
 - Centurion’s servant – Matt 8:5-13
- “Your faith has made you well”
 - Leper (1 of 10) – Luke 17:11-19
 - Woman with the issue of blood – Matt 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:42b-48
 - Blind Bartimaeus – Mark 10:46-52
- “According to your faith”
 - 2 blind men – Matt 9:27-30
- “As you desire”
 - Canaanite (Syro-Phoenician) – Matt 15:21-28 (Mark 7:24-30)

G. A HIGHER OPINION

Isaiah 53:1 - **Who has believed our report?** And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

- Believed = “say ‘amen’”

Mark 5:21-23 - Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. ²²And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet ²³and begged Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter lies **at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live.**”

- (woman with the issue of blood)

Mark 5:35-36 - While He was still speaking, *some* came from the ruler of the synagogue’s *house* who said, “**Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?**” ³⁶As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, “**Do not be afraid; only believe.**”

v. 36 (NIV) - **Ignoring what they said**, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, “**Don’t be afraid; just believe.**”

H. “TAKE YOUR MEDICINE”

Prov 3:7-8 - **Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil.** ⁸ It will be **health** to your flesh, and **strength** to your bones.

Prov 4:20-22 - My son, **give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.** ²¹Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; ²²For they *are* **life** to those who find them, And **health** to all their flesh.

Prov 17:22 - **A merry (joyful) heart does good, *like* medicine**, but a broken spirit dries the bones.

- Think about the natural.

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4 - MINISTERING HEALING I

A. BE LED BY THE SPIRIT – NOT JUST PRINCIPLES

John 5:19-20 - Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do **nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do**; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him **greater works** than these, that you may marvel.”

John 8:28 - Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and **that I do nothing of Myself (on my own initiative)**; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.”

John 12:49-50 - “For **I have not spoken on My own authority (initiative)**; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, **what I should say and what I should speak**. ⁵⁰And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

Luke 5:17 - Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And **the power of the Lord was present to heal** them.

B. COMPASSION

Matt 14:14 - And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and **He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick**.

Matt 20:29-34 - Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him. ³⁰And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!” ³¹Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!” ³²So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, “**What do you want Me to do for you?**” ³³They said to Him, “Lord, that our eyes may be opened.” ³⁴So **Jesus had compassion** and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

Mark 1:40-41 - Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.” ⁴¹Then Jesus, **moved with compassion**, stretched out *His* hand and touched him, and said to him, “**I am willing; be cleansed.**”

Luke 7:11-14 - 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. ¹²And 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. ¹³When the Lord saw her, **He had compassion on her** and said to her, **“Do not weep.”** ¹⁴Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried *him* stood still. And He said, **“Young man, I say to you, arise.”**

C. GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

1 Cor 12:7-11 - But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: ⁸for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another **the word of knowledge** through the same Spirit, ⁹to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healings** by the same Spirit, ¹⁰to another **the working of miracles**, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

- Acts 14:9 - *This* man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and **seeing that he had faith to be healed**,

D. LAYING ON OF HANDS

Luke 4:40 - When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

Mark 16:15-18 - And He said to them, **“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸they 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.”****

E. ANOINTING WITH OIL

James 5:13-16 - Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. ¹⁴Is 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.** ¹⁵And **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. ¹⁶Confess *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.

Mark 6:12-13 - So they (**the 12**) went out and preached that *people* should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons, and **anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.**

F. SENDING THE WORD

Psalms 107:20 - **He sent His word and healed them,** and delivered *them* from their destructions.

Matt 8:5-13 - Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, ⁶saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." ⁷And Jesus said to him, "**I will come and heal him.**" ⁸The 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.**" ⁹For 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*." ¹⁰When 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!**" ¹¹And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹²But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³Then Jesus said to the centurion, "**Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.**" And **his servant was healed that same hour.**

John 4:46-53 - 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. ⁴⁷When 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. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to him, "**Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.**" ⁴⁹The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!" 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. ⁵¹And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him*, saying, "Your son lives!" ⁵²Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." ⁵³**So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives."** And he himself believed, and his whole household.

G. OTHER WAYS

John 9:1-7 - Now as *Jesus* passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ²And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "**Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.**" ⁴I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the night is coming when no one can work.* ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When He had said these things, **He spat on the ground and made**

clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. ⁷And He said to him, “**Go, wash in the pool of Siloam**” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

Acts 5:14-16 - And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that **they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.** ¹⁶Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Acts 19:11-12 - Now God worked **unusual miracles** by the hands of Paul, ¹²so 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.**

2 Kings 5:9-10 - Then **Naaman** went with his horses and chariot, and he **stood at the door of Elisha’s house.** ¹⁰And **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.”

H. NOT DRAWING ATTENTION TO SELF

John 5:12-13 - Then they asked him (the man at the pool of Bethesda), “Who is the Man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” ¹³But **the one who was healed did not know who it was**, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in *that* place.

Mark 7:32-34 - Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. ³³And **He took him aside from the multitude**, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “**Ephphatha,**” that is, “**Be opened.**”

Mark 8:22-26 - Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. ²³So **He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town.** And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. ²⁴And he looked up and said, “I see men like trees, walking.” ²⁵Then He put *His* hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. ²⁶Then He sent him away to his house, saying, “**Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town.**”

I. INTIMACY (BEING WITH JESUS) – THE KEY TO SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY

Mark 3:13-15 - And He went up on the mountain and called to *Him* those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. ¹⁴Then He appointed twelve, **that they might be with Him** and **that He might send them out to preach**, ¹⁵and to have power (authority) to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:

v. 14 (NASB) - And He appointed twelve, so that they **would** be with Him and that He **could** send them out to preach,

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5 - MINISTERING HEALING II

A. GOD IS READY & PEOPLE ARE WAITING – WHAT ABOUT US?

John 5:1-4 - After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. ³In these lay a **great multitude of sick people**, blind, lame, paralyzed, **waiting for the moving of the water**. ⁴For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and **stirred up the water**; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

B. TRIGGERS – WHEN GOD GETS YOUR ATTENTION

Luke 5:17 - Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And **the power of the Lord was present to heal** them.

- Ministry will of necessity be different depending on the location
 - Church or home meetings
 - Crusade events
 - In the Marketplace

C. LAYING ON OF HANDS

- As much as possible, but be sensitive to ask permission
- Appropriate placement; male/female

D. WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE

- **Feeling**
 - Burning/heat – ‘hot spots’
 - Pain
- **Seeing**
 - Pictures
 - Body parts
 - Words
- **Thinking**
 - Impressions (“thinking the word”)
- **These are not the only ways, but are some of the most frequent ways.** You may also receive them in combination.

E. 5-STEP MODEL

– Compiled from Global Awakening/Randy Clark & Anaheim Vineyard

1. Interview
2. Diagnosis & Prayer Selection
3. Prayer Ministry
4. Stop & Re-interview
5. Post-Prayer Directions/Suggestions

- Provides a basic structure, but is not a “formula.”
- The only “formula” is remembering there is no formula.
- Rely on the Holy Spirit’s direction, not a pattern or method.

STEP 1 – INTERVIEW

- Be brief, attentive and gentle; Goal: to reassure the person they’re in good hands.
 - Gather only enough information to pray effectively and intelligently, not so much it discourages you; it is not a medical interview.
 - **Listen in the natural and in the Spirit.**
- Mark 5:9 - Then He asked him, **“What is your name?”** And he answered, saying, “My name *is* Legion; for we are many.”
 - Mark 10:46-51 - Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.” ⁵⁰And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. ⁵¹So Jesus answered and said to him, **“What do you want Me to do for you?”** The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.”
 - Mark 9:17-21 - Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.” ¹⁹He answered him and said, **“O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.”** ²⁰Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. ²¹So He asked his father, **“How long has this been happening to him?”** And he said, “From childhood.”

- “Have you been diagnosed by a doctor?”
- “When did the problem/symptoms begin?”
- “Do you remember what was going on in your life when the condition started?”
- “Did anything traumatic occur?”

STEP 2 – DIAGNOSIS & PRAYER SELECTION

- **Natural-realm causes:**
 - Accident/injury
 - Congenital (born that way)
 - Contracted diseases
 - Emotional (divorce, job/financial loss, death of a loved one, **unforgiveness**, unresolved or repressed memories, walls of self-protection, etc.)
- **Supernatural-realm causes:**
 - Demonic - attack, oppression, affliction
 - Separation from God - unconfessed sin, spiritual sloth, wrong beliefs about God
 - Curses - white magic, black magic, occult curses, word curses (self or others, including authorities – parents, teachers, pastors)
 - Generational sin
- **Listen carefully to God**
 - Often what a person wants prayer for is not what God wants to deal with.
 - Symptoms in one area may be caused by problems in another.
 - Arthritis may be linked to bitterness
 - Inability to sustain healthy relationships may be related to emotional trauma
 - Failure to be healed could result from unbelief resulting from doctor’s words of pronouncement
 - Ask the Lord for words of knowledge and spiritual insight
- **Petition or Command?**
 - Luke 9:1-2 - Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. ²He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to **heal the sick**.
 - Luke 10:9 - And **heal the sick** there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.

- Use commands most of the time, but especially in these instances:
 - When breaking a curse or vow
 - When casting out an afflicting spirit or other spirit
 - When using petition prayers and healing progress has stopped
 - When being led by the Spirit to use command prayers
 - When ministering in evangelistic meetings that involve healing
- Don't petition if God has revealed the condition
 - Those with the revelation have the authority

STEP 3 – MINISTRY: PRAYING FOR EFFECT

- In praying for effect, we are not praying to comfort the person, and we are not addressing our prayers for their ears as a form of psychological encouragement.
- Be aware the person receiving ministry may or may not **feel** anything.
- When there are multiple things wrong and there is no leading from God on where to start, Randy Clark often begins with a simple petition, "Come, Holy Spirit, and show us what You're doing."
 - Word of knowledge
 - Word of wisdom or prophecy
 - The person begins to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit
 - Heat/burning
 - Cold
 - Tingling/electricity
 - Absence of pain
 - Falling
 - Continue to 'soak' the person
 - Allow God to minister to them uninterrupted

STEP 4 – STOP & RE-INTERVIEW

- Mark 8:22-25 - Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. ²³So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, **He asked him if he saw anything.** ²⁴And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." ²⁵Then **He put His hands on his eyes again** and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.
- **Ask if they can do something they couldn't do before – without causing pain. (Another level of faith)**

- If healing doesn't fully manifest after the first prayer, don't assume it's not God will.
- Ask people to quantify (by percentage) how much improvement there is.
 - Less pain?
 - More mobility?
- Ask if the Holy Spirit has brought anything to mind
 - Individuals to forgive?
 - Trauma incidents?
- Pray again

STEP 5 – POST-PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

- If someone is not healed or only partially healed, DO NOT bring condemnation or accuse them of a lack of faith or sin in their life.
 - If you sense a lack of faith, help and encourage them to grow in faith.
 - Encourage people to continue to receive prayer.
 - Sometimes we have to contend for our healing.
- If a person is healed who had a condition and the root cause was a lifestyle issue, encourage them to make the necessary changes to prevent a reoccurrence of the problem.
- If the root cause was an afflicting spirit, mention that the symptoms probably will return. This does not mean the person has lost their healing. It means the afflicting spirit is trying to come back. It may try to return multiple times and must always be met with faith and commanded to leave.

CONCLUSION

A conversation between Randy Clark & God (taken from The Essential Guide to Healing):

I was in (John & Carol Arnott's) guest bedroom, resting and meditating on what God was doing (in Toronto). I began to think about some of the healings that were beginning to happen. In the midst of my thoughts, I heard the strong internal impression from God, "I don't like your Five-Step Prayer Model."

"I was aghast. I thought the model was biblical and modeled our dependence on God. I asked, "What don't You like about it, God?"

To which He responded, "It isn't what you're doing that I don't like – it's what you're not doing"

I asked, "What do you mean?"

Again His quick reply came, "There is no emphasis on praying in My Son's name."

PRAYING FOR BACKS

- It is estimated that 80% of adults have back and/or neck issues
 - Most are caused by some sort of injury or accident
- “Growing out” arms and legs
 - It’s really an adjustment to the back

6 - HINDRANCES TO HEALING

A. UNBELIEF

Mark 6:1-6 - Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. ²And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing *Him* were astonished, saying, "Where *did* this Man *get* these things? And what wisdom *is* this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! ³Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him. ⁴But Jesus said to them, "**A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.**" ⁵Now **He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed *them*.** ⁶And **He marveled because of their unbelief.** Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

Mark 9:17-24 - Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." ¹⁹He answered him and said, "**O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.**" ²⁰Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. ²¹So He asked his father, "**How long has this been happening to him?**" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³Jesus said to him, "**If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.**" ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "**Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!**"

Rom 14:23 - But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *he does not eat* from faith; for **whatever is not from faith is sin.**

B. DISOBEDIENCE

Exodus 15:26 - and said, "If you **diligently heed the voice of the Lord** your God and do what is right in His sight, **give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes**, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I *am* the Lord who heals you."

- Natural
- Spiritual

C. UNFORGIVENESS

Matt 6:14-15 - "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Matt 18:21-35 - Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. ²³Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. ²⁶The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ²⁷Then the master of that servant was **moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.** ²⁸But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ³⁰And he would not, but went and **threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.** ³¹So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. ³²Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' ³⁴And his master was angry, and **delivered him to the torturers** until he should pay all that was due to him. ³⁵**So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.**"

D. NOT ASKING

James 4:2-3 - You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet **you do not have because you do not ask.** ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

- Some have learned to live with their problems/sicknesses
- Wrong understanding of suffering

2 Chron 16:12 - And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians.

E. FEELING UNWORTHY

Luke 7:1-7 - Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. ²And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. ³So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. ⁴And 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." ⁶Then 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.** ⁷Therefore **I did not even think myself worthy to come to You.** But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

Luke 15:11-24 - Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to *his* father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me.*' So he divided to them *his* livelihood. ¹³And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. ¹⁴But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. ¹⁵Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything.* ¹⁷But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, ¹⁹and **I am no longer worthy** to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, **I have sinned** against heaven and in your sight, **and am no longer worthy** to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet. ²³And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

- Not asking
- Unresolved guilt

F. TIMING

3 John 2 - Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and **be in health, just as your soul prospers.**

- God's priorities are different than ours

John 11:1-7 - Now a certain *man* was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was *that* Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ³Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." ⁴When Jesus heard *that*, He said, "**This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.**" ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, **when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was.** ⁷Then after this He said to *the* disciples, "**Let us go to Judea again.**"

Luke 17:11-14 - Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. ¹²Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. ¹³And they lifted up *their* voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴So 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.**

- Some healings are not instantaneous, but progressive

Acts 3:1-10 - Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. ²And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they **laid daily at the gate of the temple** which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; ³who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. ⁴And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." ⁵So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." ⁷And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. ⁹And all the people saw him walking and praising God. ¹⁰Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

- A different person is to be the instrument of healing

G. NOT DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY

1 Cor 11:23-32 - For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "**Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.**" ²⁵In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.**" ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. ²⁷Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner **eats**

and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.³⁰ For this reason many *are weak and sick among you, and many sleep*.³¹ For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

- Physical – atonement
- Spiritual – body of Christ

H. OTHER HINDERANCES

1. Curses
2. Faulty diagnosis (examples)
 - Praying for physical healing, when inner (emotional) healing is needed
 - Praying for deliverance when inner healing is needed
 - Praying for inner healing when deliverance is needed
3. Freemasonry (Masonic)
 - Prince Hall
 - Curses – different degrees (levels)

4. Generational issues

Ex 20:4-6 - “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁵you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, *am* a jealous God, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me**, ⁶but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

5. Inner vows – repent
6. Not praying specifically – i.e. not getting to the root issues
7. Occult involvement – past or present
8. Refusal to see medicine as a way God heals
 - “Cultish” teaching
 - Could be pride
9. Sin (examples)
 - Lung cancer
 - Sexually transmitted diseases
10. Ungodly soul ties – renounce and break

I. MAINTAINING HEALING

John 10:10 - **The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.** I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

Luke 11:24-26 - “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’²⁵ And when he comes, he finds *it* swept and put in order.²⁶ Then he goes and takes with *him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.”

James 4:7 - Therefore **submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee** from you.

- The enemy may try to bring sickness and symptoms back; we need to resist him.

“The more we learn about the different ways to heal the sick, the more qualified we will be to go out. We want to remind you that if one thing does not work, try something else until you have victory in that area.”

– Frances Hunter (How To Heal The Sick), emphasis added.

7 - HEALING & DELIVERANCE

DELIVERANCE – SETTING A PERSON FREE FROM THE OPPRESSION OF A DEMONIC SPIRIT

Luke 4:18 - *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, **to set at liberty those who are oppressed;**”*

Acts 10:38 - how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and **healing all who were oppressed by the devil**, for God was with Him.

Demons are evil spirits without bodies, under Satan’s authority, who seek to harass people and, if possible, to move into them.

Some use the term “oppression” rather than “possession”, because “possession” implies ownership and complete control. **Since a believer has been purchased by the Lord Jesus Christ he cannot be possessed.** However, many believers have been host to demonic presences in the years before conversion, and these spirits do not always leave when their “host” is converted.

A. EFFECTS OF DEMONIC OPPRESSION:

1. **Nightmares, unreasonable fear, general accusations of worthlessness or guilt, shame, pain, illness, depression, irrational behavior, etc.** (Although these symptoms may have causes other than demonic oppression, they are frequently caused or augmented by demonic oppression.)
2. **Unwelcome and sometimes apparently uncontrollable desire to sin in a particular way**, for example: a spirit of adultery, of pornography, of anger, or of addiction.
3. Acts 5:3 - But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit ...?”
4. Luke 22:3-4 - Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. ⁴So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them.
5. May cause a believer to leave the church and backslide after repeated failures to be free.
6. May hinder evangelism, as it prevents Christians from achieving victory over certain sins, habits, or problems, thus impairing their testimony as to the power of Jesus to change lives.
7. **May cause a weight of spiritual and emotional oppression which dulls spiritual perception** and which, in severe cases, leads to depression. (Isaiah 61:3 – **“the spirit of heaviness”**)

8. **A demon may work steadily in its host, or may remain quiet (even for years)**, perhaps until the person has achieved a position of spiritual responsibility and status.
9. **The remedy is deliverance.** In contrast to prayer for physical healing, which sometimes is not immediate, deliverance is almost always effective when the person receiving ministry is born again and truly desires to be set free.

B. DELIVERANCE IN NORTH AMERICAN CHURCHES

1. Demonic oppression has largely been ignored in churches.
2. Belief in demons is superstition for many.
3. Unbelievers are not likely to seek deliverance help or to be accepted for such ministry even if they do seek help.
4. The church has largely ignored demonic oppression among its members, partly due to **the theology of some that a true believer cannot be oppressed by demonic spirits and therefore all evil spirits leave a new believer at the time of conversion**, and partly due to the noisy, unpleasant and often humiliating method of deliverance common until recent years.
5. The long-standing indifference of the western church to demonic oppression or “demonization” is changing. The theology that a demon cannot reside in a true believer is giving way as a result of teaching and experience.

C. DELIVERANCE IN THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

Matt 12:22-29 - Then one was brought to Him who was **demon-possessed**, blind and mute; and **He healed him**, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. ²³And all the multitudes were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” ²⁴Now when the Pharisees heard *it* they said, “This *fellow* does not **cast out demons** except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.” ²⁵But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “**Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.** ²⁶**If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?** ²⁷**And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they shall be your judges.** ²⁸**But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.** ²⁹**Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.”**

Luke 4:31-37 - Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. ³²And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. ³³Now **in the synagogue** there was a man who had **a spirit of an unclean demon**. And he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴saying, “Let *us* alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!”

³⁵But **Jesus rebuked him**, saying, **“Be quiet, and come out of him!”** And when the demon had thrown him in *their* midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. ³⁶Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, **“What a word this *is!* For **with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.**”** ³⁷And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

Mark 1:23 - Now there was a man in their synagogue with **an unclean spirit...**

Mark 1:32-34 - At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and **those who were demon-possessed.** ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴Then He (**Jesus**) healed many who were sick with various diseases, and **cast out many demons**; and He **did not allow the demons to speak**, because they knew Him.

Mark 1:39 - And **He** was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and **casting out demons.**

Mark 5:1-20 - Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. ²And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs **a man with an unclean spirit**, ³who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and **no one could bind him**, not even with chains, ⁴because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; **neither could anyone tame him.** ⁵And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and **cutting himself** with stones. ⁶When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. ⁷And he cried out with a loud voice and said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.” ⁸For He said to him, **“Come out of the man, unclean spirit!”** ⁹Then **He asked him, “What *is* your name?”** And **he answered, saying, “My name *is* Legion; for we are many.”** ¹⁰Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. ¹¹Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. ¹²So all the demons begged Him, saying, “Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.” ¹³And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. ¹⁴So those who fed the swine fled, and they told *it* in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one *who had been* demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ¹⁶And those who saw it told them how it happened to him *who had been* demon-possessed, and about the swine. ¹⁷Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. ¹⁸And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. ¹⁹However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, **“Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.”** ²⁰And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

Luke 8:27 - And **when He stepped out on the land**

v. 8 (NASB) - For He **had been saying** to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”

- Not necessarily “one and done”

Mark 7:24-30 - From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know *it*, but He could not be hidden. ²⁵For a woman whose **young daughter had an unclean spirit** heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. ²⁶The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept **asking Him to cast the demon out** of her daughter. ²⁷But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take **the children’s bread** and throw *it* to the little dogs.” ²⁸And she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then He said to her, “For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.” ³⁰And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

Matt 15:28 - Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great **is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.**” And **her daughter was healed** from that very hour.

Mark 9:17-29 - Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has **a mute spirit**. ¹⁸And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So **I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.**” ¹⁹He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.” ²⁰Then they brought him to Him. And **when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him**, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. ²¹So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵When Jesus saw that the people came running together, **He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it**, “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, **come out of him and enter him no more!**” ²⁶Then *the spirit* cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹So He said to them, “**This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.**”

D. DELIVERANCE IN THE MINISTRY OF OTHERS

Matt 10:7-8 - And as you **(the 12)** go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, **cast out demons**. Freely you have received, freely give.

Luke 10:17 - Then **the seventy** returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the **demons are subject to us in Your name.**"

Mark 16:15-17 - And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will follow **those who believe**: In My name **they will cast out demons**; they will speak with new tongues;"

Acts 16:16-19 - Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a **spirit of divination** met us, who brought her masters much **profit** by **fortune-telling**. ¹⁷This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the **servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.**" ¹⁸And this she did for many days. But **Paul, greatly annoyed**, turned and **said to the spirit**, "I **command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out** of her." And **he came out that very hour**. ¹⁹But when her masters saw that their hope of **profit** was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged *them* into the marketplace to the authorities.

Acts 19:11-20 - Now God worked **unusual miracles** by the hands of Paul, ¹²so 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. ¹³Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists **took it upon themselves** to call the name of the Lord Jesus over **those who had evil spirits**, saying, "We **exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.**" ¹⁴Also there were **seven sons of Sceva**, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. ¹⁵And the **evil spirit answered and said**, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" ¹⁶Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, **overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.** ¹⁷This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. ¹⁸And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. ¹⁹Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned *them* in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and *it* totaled fifty thousand *pieces* of silver. ²⁰**So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.**

E. NO FEAR

1 John 4:1-4 - Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits**, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³and every spirit that does not

confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. ⁴You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.** ⁵They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. ⁶We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know **the spirit of truth** and **the spirit of error.**

2 Tim 1:7 - For God has not given us a **spirit of fear (timidity)**, but of power and of love and of a sound mind (discipline).

F. OCCASIONS FOR MINISTERING DELIVERANCE

1. **Crusades** – when a message on freedom from bondages is followed by strong prayer, demons may manifest, causing shaking or trembling, perspiring, falling, or perhaps screaming. These people need to be quieted if necessary and assisted to a quiet prayer room for ministry.
2. **Worship** – powerful worship can stir up demons. Manifestations can be provoked during worship or prayer in a church or small group.
3. **Private settings** – sometimes Christians may seek help without any outward manifestation, but with a spiritual or emotional problem such as depression, unreasonable fear, and inability to break an embarrassing and unwanted habit, or some other symptom.
4. **When ministering to the sick** – frequently spiritual blockages are encountered when ministering to a sick person. Encountering an afflicting spirit, a spirit of pain, or a spirit of the particular disease such as cancer, is common.

Luke 13:10-17 - Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹And behold, there was a woman who had a **spirit of infirmity** eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise *herself* up. ¹²But when Jesus saw her, He called *her* to *Him* and said to her, **“Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.”** ¹³And He laid *His* hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. ¹⁴But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had **healed** on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵The Lord then answered him and said, **“Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead *it* away to water it? ¹⁶So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?”** ¹⁷And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

- v.11 (NASB) – spirit of infirmity = **sickness caused by a spirit**

G. DISTINGUISHING DEMONIC FROM HOLY SPIRIT MANIFESTATIONS

1. **If a manifestation begins when praying powerfully against demonic oppression, the manifestation can be assumed to be due to a demonic presence.**
2. **If a manifestation begins when praying a blessing, or for guidance, or for impartation of spiritual gifts, the manifestation is probably due to the working of the Holy Spirit.**
3. There may be times when it's not clear whether a physical manifestation is the effect of the Holy Spirit, or a demon is manifesting. Some clues:
 - a. **Is the person harming himself or others, biting, scratching, etc.?**
 - b. **The physical appearance of the person betrays a demonic presence.** Signs include: severe bodily contortions, facial contortions, sudden or unusual changes in voice, refusal to make eye contact, eyes rolled back so that only the whites are visible, screaming, or hostile demeanor or behavior.
 - c. **Other clues:** sudden headache, nausea, sudden violent actions, destructive actions (such as hitting, kicking or breaking furniture), hissing, claw-like motions, untypical foul language.
4. On the other hand, if a manifestation begins when one is ministering to an oppressed person, it can be a sign that the Holy Spirit is at work in the person's body. Such manifestations are usually (though not always) minor, such as feeling heat or tingling or electricity somewhere in the body, fluttering eyelids, trembling or shaking, falling to the floor and remaining there peacefully, or sometimes laughter.
5. In doubtful situations, you can **ask the person how he feels**, whether good or bad. If they feel peace or the Lord is speaking to them, it is probably the Holy Spirit at work. If they feel terrified or hopeless or under spiritual attack, or if they do not answer in their own voice, it is likely demonic.
6. **The gift of discerning of spirits, and the leading of the Holy Spirit, are valuable aids at such times. Pray for the gift, and always ask the Holy Spirit to be present and for His leading.**

H. PERSONAL PREPARATION

1. **Love** – a commitment to love and sharing God’s heart should be primary. The objective is not to punish demons, but to help the person.
2. **Order** – demons respect authority. If another dilutes the authority of the person leading in the ministry by assuming some authority to themselves, it makes it harder for the leader to deal successfully with the demon involved.
3. **Recognize limitations** – it is useless to expel a demon
 - a. against the oppressed person’s will;
 - b. if the person is unwilling to change the lifestyle that caused the oppression;
 - c. contrary to an agreement the person has made with Satan, unless they renounce the agreement specifically and audibly.
4. **Understand the objective**
 - a. **To expel or drive away any demon.**
 - b. **To close its avenue of access and enable the victim to keep the avenue of access closed to prevent the return of that spirit and others.**

Matt 12:43-45 - “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. ⁴⁴Then he says, ‘**I will return to my house from which I came.**’ And when he comes, he finds *it* empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵Then he goes and **takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself**, and they enter and dwell there; **and the last state of that man is worse than the first.** So shall it also be with this wicked generation.”

 - Keep in mind a demon cannot oppress a person unless **some avenue of access** has been opened.
 - “Open doors”: unforgiveness, hate, abuse, sin, unclean sex, illness, trauma, etc.
 - **Demons are very legalistic, typically refusing to leave unless the avenues of entrance are renounced by the host person.**
5. Understand general ministry protocol
6. **Ask the Holy Spirit to be present and assist you.**
 - Ask for help and wait for His leading at every step of the way.
7. Remember the person receiving ministry is probably a hurting person.

8. **It is often most effective to work in a team** of two or three, with one person taking the lead and the others supporting him with prayer, discernment, note-taking, etc. To avoid diluting the leader's authority, the supporters should not speak directly to or touch the person receiving ministry, but should communicate with the leader by way of a note or in a quiet voice. **The leader makes the decision what to do** with the suggestion or discernment of the supporter. In a long ministry time, members of the team may trade places of leading.
 - **The caution about more than one person touching does not apply during times of prayer for healing of inner wounds and hurts.** At such times, the possible dilution of the leader's authority is not a problem.

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8 - MISC. HEALING ISSUES

J. SICKNESS & SIN

John 9:1-3 - Now as *Jesus* passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ²And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, **who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?**” ³Jesus answered, “**Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.**”

James 5:13-16 - 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. ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶Confess your trespasses (sins) to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

- **Save** (sozo) = restore, heal, deliver, make whole

Acts 12:21-23 - So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. ²²And the people kept shouting, “The voice of a god and not of a man!” ²³Then immediately an angel of **the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.**

From the Fall

Rom 5:12 - Therefore, just as **through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin**, and thus **death spread to all men**, because all sinned—

Gen 2:15-17 - Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷but of **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil** you shall not eat, for **in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**”

- v.9 – **the tree of life** was also in the midst of the garden
- sin and sickness entered the world through Adam & Eve’s disobedience

Gen 3:16-19 - To the woman He said: “I will **greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception (pregnancy); in pain you shall bring forth children**; your desire *shall be* for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” ¹⁷Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you,

saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat *of* it all the days of your life. ¹⁸Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹**In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground**, for out of it you were taken; For dust you *are*, and to dust you shall return."

K. JOB

Job 2:7-10 - So **Satan** went out from the presence of the Lord, and **struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head**.⁸And he took for himself a potsherd with which to scrape himself while he sat in the midst of the ashes. ⁹Then **his wife said** to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? **Curse God and die!**" ¹⁰But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this **Job did not sin with his lips**.

Job 42:10 - And **the Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends**. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

L. PAUL'S THORN IN THE FLESH

2 Cor 12:7-10 - And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, **a thorn in the flesh** was given to me, **a messenger of Satan to buffet me**, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸Concerning this thing **I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart** from me. ⁹And He said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.**" Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For **when I am weak, then I am strong**.

Spirit-Filled Life Bible: Because of some ambiguities, it seems very unwise to form dogmatic conclusions about certain particulars of this section. What is clear, however, is a **thorn in the flesh** (an intense, wearying difficulty or affliction) had come by means of a **messenger of Satan** (probably a demonically instigated assault). God's providence clearly allowed this (grammatically, a "divine passive", indicating God as the unseen Agent overseeing the entire process) that Paul might avoid being **exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations** (v. 1-6).

Though it is futile to try and identify the "thorn", it caused Paul great consternation and ultimately served a good purpose, becoming the occasion for a revelation to him of the overcoming **grace** of God, which proved **sufficient** in the midst of Paul's **weakness**.

We must also note that though God does not respond to Paul's repeated pleading **that it might depart** from him by removing it, there

is no indication God is upset with Paul for so pleading. In fact, Jesus' answer (v.9) indicates God's concern to respond, howbeit differently than Paul had prayed.

Finally, it is important to note that Jesus' answer was not seen by Paul as punitive; nor did it cause him to resign himself to buffeting with a defeatist attitude. Rather, it affirmed in Paul that whenever Satan buffets him (either directly as the destructive adversary or indirectly as God's controlled agent to bring about character development) he can **boast** in his **infirmities** because Jesus' **grace** and **strength** will be **sufficient** to enable him to continue in his apostolic ministry. Neither the thorn, any messenger of Satan, nor any character-refining test from God will cause him to cease serving God. He can therefore **take pleasure ... for when** he is personally **weak, then** he can be **strong** in Jesus.

M. NEW TESTAMENT SICKNESS

Gal 4:13-15 - You know that **because of physical infirmity I (Paul) preached the gospel to you** at the first. ¹⁴And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵What then was the blessing you *enjoyed*? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.

- NASB – physical infirmity = bodily illness
- Reject = “to spit out” (Grk). Some commentators detect a reference to the custom of spitting in the direction of an epileptic to avert the influence of the evil spirit in control of him. For this reason, they believe Paul's ailment was epilepsy.
- Others believe Paul suffered from ophthalmia
 - 6:11 - See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!
 - It is unclear why Paul writes in “large letters” when he takes over from the scribe. Many scholars think that it was to emphasize his closing remarks. Others think it was the result of poor eyesight.

Phil 2:25-30 - Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need; ²⁶since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because **you had heard that he was sick**. ²⁷For indeed **he was sick almost unto death**; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful. ²⁹Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem; ³⁰because for the work of Christ **he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me**.

2 Tim 4:19-20 - Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.
²⁰Erastus stayed in Corinth, but **Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick.**

1 Tim 5:23 - No longer drink only water, but **use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.**

- Paul's reference to purity in v.22 ("... keep yourself pure") may have led him to insert a personal note to Timothy to the effect that denial of the medicinal use of wine for a stomach disorder had nothing to do with purity. He was to guard against false asceticism.
 - Asceticism: the doctrine that a person can attain a high spiritual and moral state by practicing self-denial, self-mortification, and the like

N. THE WILL TO LIVE

Phil 1:19-26 - For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also **Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.** ²¹For to me, **to live is Christ, and to die is gain.** ²²But if I live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³For I am hard-pressed between the two, **having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.** ²⁴Nevertheless **to remain in the flesh is more needful for you.** ²⁵And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, ²⁶that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

O. WHAT ABOUT DOCTORS?

- Jesus is referred to as "**The Great Physician**"
- Luke (writer of the Gospel and Acts) was a doctor who travelled with Paul
- Can help identify what to pray
- Can confirm healing
- Medicine can aid the healing process
- **Going to a doctor or taking medicine does not mean we have no faith.**
- Seek healing from God first
 - 2 Chron 16:12 - And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease **he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians.**
- **In emergencies, seek help and pray**

P. NATURAL REMEDIES

Ezek 47:12 - Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow **all kinds of trees** used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and **their leaves for medicine (healing).**”

Rev 22:1-2 - And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ²In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. **The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**

- Foods that heal
- Lifestyle changes
- Dietary changes

Q. EVERYONE WILL EVENTUALLY DIE

2 Kings 13:14 - Elisha had become **sick with the illness of which he would die.** Then Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, “O my father, my father, the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!”

2 Kings 20:1-11, 21 - In those days **Hezekiah was sick and near death.** And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, “**Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’**”²Then he turned his face toward the wall, and **prayed to the Lord**, saying,³“**Remember now, O Lord, I pray**, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what was good* in Your sight.” And Hezekiah **wept bitterly.** ⁴And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁵“Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: **‘I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day** you shall go up to the house of the Lord. ⁶**And I will add to your days fifteen years.** I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David.’”⁷Then Isaiah said, “Take a lump of figs.” So they took and laid *it* on the boil, and **he recovered.** ⁸And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “What *is the sign that the Lord will heal* me, and that I shall go up to the house of the Lord the third day?”⁹Then Isaiah said, “This is the sign to you from the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing which He has spoken: *shall the shadow go forward ten degrees or go backward ten degrees?*”¹⁰And Hezekiah answered, “It is an easy thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees; no, but let the shadow go backward ten degrees.”¹¹So Isaiah the prophet cried out to the Lord, and He brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz.

v. 21 - **So Hezekiah rested with his fathers.** Then Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

R. MINISTERING HEALING WHILE NEEDING HEALING

- Unless it's physically apparent, we don't necessarily have to share our condition (need of healing).
- **Reminder: our doctrine is based on the Word of God, not our experience or lack thereof.**

9 – IMPARTATION

Rom 1:11 - For I long to see you, **that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—**

Impart = share (Luke 3:11, Eph 4:28), give (Rom 12:8); communicate

1 Thess 2:8 - So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased **to impart** to you not only the gospel of God, but also **our own lives**, because you had become dear to us.

Gift - *charisma* – grace gifts

Be established - to *set fast*, that is, (literally) to *turn resolutely* in a certain direction, or (figuratively) to *confirm*:—fix, establish, steadfastly set, strengthen

1 Cor 2:1-5 - And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. ²For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵**that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.**

1 Tim 4:14 - Do not neglect **the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands** of the eldership.

2 Tim 1:6 - Therefore I remind you to stir up **the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.**

Num 11:16-17, 24-25 - So the Lord said to Moses: “Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. ¹⁷Then I will come down and talk with you there. **I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put *the same* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear *it* yourself alone....**

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tabernacle. ²⁵Then **the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed *the same* upon the seventy elders;** and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again (***never stopped***).

ACTIVATION

2 Kings 2:1-14 - And it came to pass, when the Lord was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. ²Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel. ³Now the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" ⁴Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho. ⁵Now the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from over you today?" So he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on. ⁷And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing *them* at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. ⁸Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled *it* up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. ⁹And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "**Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?**" Elisha said, "**Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.**" ¹⁰So he said, "**You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.**" ¹¹Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire *appeared* with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. ¹³**He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.** ¹⁴**Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?"** And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over.

JUST DO IT!