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God has sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save all who would believe in Him and His Word.

God desires to reveal Himself and to give us His divine nature in Christ Jesus our Lord through the power of His Holy Spirit.

God is Jealous. He wants us to encounter His presence daily and walk with Him in glory – intimate communion - today, while it is called today, and forever.

It is my prayer that this teaching would so impact the readers that all would come to know and believe JESUS, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, our Great God and Savior, and receive the PER-FECT LOVE He has for us all as we grow up into Him and mature as true sons and daughters of God. May you grow in faith and knowledge of your God and Savior and come to know the love that He has for you. I pray for you the Apostle Paul's prayer for spiritual growth:

Ephesians 3:14-21 The Living Bible (TLB)

"14-15 When I think of the wisdom and scope of his plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God—some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth— 16 that out of his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you the mighty inner strengthening of his Holy Spirit. 17 And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; 18-19 and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself.

20 Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. 21 May he be given glory forever and ever through endless ages because of his master plan of salvation for the Church through Jesus Christ."

In Christ our Lord, Brandy Helton A child of God

God's Love

God's love is good news! Don't believe the lie that God is distant, unapproachable, and angry!

God is love. He is the only true, eternal God. He is perfect and holy, and He is truth. God is One. He has revealed Himself in three distinct, individual, equal persons: God the Father, God the Son – Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

The Bible tells the story of God's perfect love. In that love, God created the first family to live on the earth with Him. Through their deep intimate relationship with the Father, Adam and Eve were meant to fulfill all that was in God's heart on Earth just like it is in Heaven, for God's glory and purposes. Adam and Eve were chosen to walk with God, clothed in His glory presence and were perfect, as He is perfect, and they lived in His beautiful garden, the secret place called Eden. He gave them His breath, life and power to have dominion over all He created and wanted them to reproduce that LIFE replenishing the earth with it, until all the earth is filled with His glory.

Genesis 1:26-28

"26 Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our

image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God created His children in His likeness. He made them spirit beings, with a soul – mind, will and emotions – and placed them in a physical body. He gave His children the choice to love Him and to walk with Him in obedience to His every word. He gave the first family the power to overcome any temptation offered to them through God's adversary, the devil, who had rebelled against the Most High God in Heaven's glory and was cast down to the earth. The devil, Satan, brought great darkness and chaos prior to Adam and Eve's existence.

Adam and Eve were deceived into thinking that God was not perfect in love as Satan, the adversary, tempted them to believe that God would not keep His Word to them. Through their own will, Adam and Eve disobeyed the Father by eating from a tree that had the power to open their eyes to both good and evil. Through their choice of disobedience, they willfully gave their inheritance and authority over to the devil and his kingdom. Sin entered mankind, which produced death, eternal separation from a Holy God. Adam and Eve were banished from the dwelling and intima-

cy of perfection in the garden and were sent into the world as a fallen creation.

Father God knew He had to come Himself and save His family, and in His wisdom, He chose to send His Son, Jesus Christ into the world to save us and restore fallen mankind back to relationship with Him. Through His Son, He destroyed all the works of the devil and the curse of death. Hebrews 9:22 says, "And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission." Remission means to cancel the penalty, so according to the law there must be shedding of blood to cancel the penalty for sin. The Father cancelled the penalty for the sins of His children through the shedding of the blood of His innocent, holy Son Jesus, who was the Sent One, called and chosen to die for all, so all could live.

John 3:16-21

"16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 'He who believes in Him is not condemned: but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may

be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.'"

Jesus was conceived by God's Holy Spirit in the womb of a young virgin named Mary. He appeared as the second Adam, in the flesh, with the choice to walk in perfect love and obedience, full of God's Spirit, as a man to do the will of His Father.

Jesus grew up as any male child did in the flesh but He had divine fellowship with His Father and Holy Spirit. At the appointed time, He was revealed as being sent from God to save. Jesus went around doing good and healed all who were oppressed by the devil spiritually and physically. He revealed His Father's heart and perfect love to all who believed through His teachings, grace and miraculous power.

Salvation means eternal life, healing, deliverance, protection, peace, wholeness, and forgiveness. Salvation came to all men through the cross, where the Son of God, the perfect One, was slaughtered as a lamb, bearing all sin for all times from a fallen people. Jesus bore the wrath of God against the darkness that separated God's family from Him. Jesus was punished for our sin and died to cleanse us from the guilt, shame and condemnation sin produces. Sin separates. Love restores.

Jesus was crucified, dead and buried, spending three days and nights in the depths of Hades, the realm of the dead fallen race. Jesus took back the keys of death and hell from that old serpent the devil, Satan, and therefore, all authority was restored back to Jesus.

Great Holy Spirit breathed LIFE into Jesus and raised Him from the dead. He appeared to His disciples, those who followed Him and obeyed His teachings. He showed them that He conquered sin, death and the grave and now, had the keys of hell and death, and would give ETERNAL LIFE to ALL who chose to believe in Him. King Jesus ascended back to the Father of glory where He ever lives to make intercession for us all, and He is coming again to the earth in power to establish His Father's Kingdom on Earth.

Jesus Christ is the head and Lord over His church, those who have made Him Lord and Savior, by believing He is the Son of the Living God and God in the flesh, who finished the work the Father gave Him to do. He not only died for our sins to save and heal us, He chose to give His authority to those He called and chose to follow Him as His disciples, His family.

Jesus has commissioned His followers to do the same works that He did while He lived on the earth.

John 14:12-14

"12 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. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

God loves us and desires that none should perish. He desires for His family to be with Him where He is. These books are written to inspire all who read them and to reveal the heart of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and Holy Spirit in order that we might RECEIVE THE LOVE HE HAS FOR US and be CHANGED INTO HIS VERY LIKENESS. God desires to dwell with His family forever and ever just as He did in the beginning. How glorious it is to live in His presence and dominion, beholding His goodness, forever and ever, amen.

The book of Revelation describes the time that is coming when all things are made new according to God's heart of love:

Revelation 21:1-7

"1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 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. 4 And 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.' 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.' 6 And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son."

To understand what is presented in the Bible, you must start by understanding God's love. The good news is that God loves you!

The Heart of It

In order to even begin to understand the Ministry of Healings and Miracles, we must first understand that LOVE looks like something. You may have heard that phrase before; that Love looks like something; it is a visible demonstration. The kind of love that we will be talking about here, is not a kind that the world knows. It does not measure up to a worldview of love. It is not romance, it is not a feeling, and it is not sensual. This kind of love is pure, powerful, and transforming. When one encounters Perfect Love, they are never the same.

The lyrics from Misty Edwards, song, "Arms Wide Open" featured on the *Fling Wide* album, that was released in December 2009, paints a beautiful image of True and Perfect Love; The Love of Jesus Christ.

"What Does Love Look Like?" is the question I've been pondering?"

"What does love look like?"

"What does love look like?" is the question I have been asking of you" (Verse 1; 1-3)

"And then I saw Him there, hanging on a tree, looking at me"

"I saw Him there, hanging on a tree, looking at me, looking at Him, staring through me" (Pre-Chorus 2; 1-3)

"He had Arms wide open and a heart exposed,"

"Arms wide open; He was bleeding, bleeding..." (Chorus 1; 1-2)

"Loves definition was looking at me" (Post Chorus).

Jesus was stretched out on a tree, exposed to pain, ridicule, and death because He loved us enough to pay for our sins. That is what love looks like.

When Jesus chose death on the Cross, this became LOVE DEMONSTRATED. What does Jesus giving His life on the cross have to do with love, you might ask?

Jesus demonstrated perfect love by giving His life on the cross for us to have salvation, which, by definition, means healing. Through perfect love, we have access to healing and miracles by way of salvation.

Let me take you on a journey to help you better understand.

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Salvation in Fullness

Most of us have learned at some point that humans are sinners and that Jesus came to forgive us of our sins.

Most know that the Bible tells us that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is Eternal Life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

When Jesus died on the cross He paid/took the penalty for our sins; Then the Power of God Raised Jesus from the Dead, which is resurrection life. Jesus gave His life so we would not have to die for our sins. Because He has resurrection life, He gives it to us. This is a gift freely given to us by the Father. All we have to do is receive in our heart, the free gift of salvation, by confession with our mouth that we believe on the Lord Jesus.

Romans 10:9-13

"9 If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For

with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, 'whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.' 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved."

Salvation is a free gift given if we believe with our hearts and confess with our mouths. Let's see how this free gift leads to healings and miracles.

As we make our profession of faith, many only know that salvation is merely "fire insurance," meaning that one does not have to go to Hell but will get to have eternal life in Heaven when they die and leave this earth. Salvation actually means much more.

The words salvation (sozo) and saved (soteria) when translated from the Greek and Hebrew languages, translate as eternal life, healing, deliverance, protection, and wholeness (Shalom). Notice that salvation means healing.

Randy Clark explains sozo very clearly in his <u>Ministry Team Manual</u>.

"SOZO is a Greek word for salvation/saved meaning to be saved or rescued out from Satan's power and restored into the wholeness of God's order and well-being. It is used to mean saved in the sense of being saved from eternal punishment for sin. It is used to mean to be healed of disease. It is used to mean to be delivered from demonic oppression. In fact, it can mean all three of these at the same

time. It is also used as the verb when someone is raised from the dead. To be "sozo[ed]" is to be saved completely." Ministry Team Manual, Randy Clark, P. 19.

Sozo means salvation of our souls, healing/health, deliverance, prosperity, protection, shalom peace.

I Thessalonians 5:23-24

"23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it."

Raising someone from the dead is truly a miracle, so sozo includes both healings and miracles. You can see from a look at the real meaning of the word, salvation, it means much more than fire insurance.

Sozo is used in the verse below to mean healing for the body.

James 5:15

"15 And the prayer of faith will save (sozo) the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

Salvation is far more than the assurance of not spending eternity in Hell. Any good father wants to be able to protect his children and keep them from all harm, including sickness and disease. True Love from our Father in Heaven gives us such a gift.

REMEMBER we only have to BELIEVE.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved [sozo]. Remember to think about the all-inclusive definition of sozo salvation every time the word, save, is used in Scripture.

There is also a warning given in Scripture for those who do not believe.

Jude 1:5 states "Though you already know this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered [sozo] his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe."

This Scripture is referencing those who had seen with their own eyes the goodness and deliverance of God, but were still bringing false teaching and spreading doubt and unbelief. The warning is to help the true saints to maintain their focus, remembering what their God has done for them and assure them He will be faithful to do again.

Unbelief is destructive and kills the move of God in our lives. The Scripture in Jude is a warning straight from Perfect Love Himself, Jesus. Jesus is forever working to perfect us, bringing us into the fullness of His heart and desire for us. His number one mission is to bring the lost back to the Father by demonstrating Heaven and by doing the will of the Father who sent Him. This is part of His protection for us as His children.

Foundational Truth for Healings and Miracles

So, through the love of Jesus demonstrated by His crucifixion, we have access to healings and miracles. Love is the passionate motivator for everything the Lord does. His Name is Jealous.

Exodus 34:14

"14 ...For the Lord whose name is Jealous, is a Jealous God."

Jealous burns for us, the bride of Jesus, to receive and walk in the fullness of the salvation that is offered to us all because of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

From the very beginning, God was very intentional about maintaining a relationship with and demonstrating His love. In Genesis 1:26, we know that God made mankind in His own image and likeness. He gave mankind dominion and power to live supernatural lives in His Glory and His Goodness. Adam and Eve were blessed and lived without sin. They walked as God walked, they were whole and perfect, and everything around them was in perfect peace. Adam and Eve were created to be a part of God's family and He blessed them

Genesis 1:28

"28 And God blessed them and said, Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it."

God loved His family and He enforced the blessing of protection and wholeness. He kept them in perfect peace, health and wholeness. There was no sin. Father God gave mankind a free will, and therefore, He gave them one command,

Genesis 2:16-17

"16 And the Lord commanded the man saying,

"Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but 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."

Through deception and willful sin, death came to all and sin, sickness, and poverty (lack of every kind) followed. Now that sin, sickness, and oppression was in His family, God became the ONE who would save, heal, and deliver them from evil. This is Love demonstrated and the beginning of the fulfillment of our being saved [Sozo]. God being good, knew that He would redeem mankind, and destroy every curse that came through sin, through His Son Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:19

"19 For as by one man's [Adam's] disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's [Jesus] obedience many will be made righteous."

One thing to never forget is that God Always makes a way, and He is continually rescuing and saving us. He always brings provision, prosperity, peace and health to us.

God is a Way Maker, A Miracle Worker, Chain Breaker, Yoke Destroyer and Promise Keeper!

Numbers 23:19

"19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man that he should repent. Has he said, and will He not do? Or has he spoken, and will he not make it good?"

God revealed Himself to His people, Israel, as the

Great Physician. He boldly proclaimed to them "I am the God who heals you!" In Hebrew, Jehovah Rapha is a name of God and it means, "The Lord who heals you." Exodus 15:26 states, "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)." He is a covenant keeping God and promises to do good to all who know Him and obey His commandments. He promised Israel that if they loved and obeyed Him, He would take sickness from their midst and bless them and prosper them.

Exodus 23:25-26

"25 So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take the sickness away from the midst of you. 26 No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days."

The Good News is Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8)!

Jesus is good! He came to demonstrate His goodness and reveal His Glory through Love. Jesus redeemed mankind and destroyed the curse of sin, sickness, oppression and poverty.

Isaiah 53:4-6

"4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried away our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted, 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. 6 All like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned everyone, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

It is crucial that you know and believe that Jesus has all authority in Heaven, on the earth and under the earth, over Satan himself, demons, powers, principalities, and rulers of darkness.

Matthew 8:16-17

"16 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, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 'He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sickness."

In Luke 4:40, the Bible says, "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." Everywhere Jesus went, He demonstrated the Kingdom of Heaven, and miracles, signs and wonders followed Him. In fact, the Word, says that miracles, signs and wonders will follow those who BELIEVE! That's you and me. It comes back to our faith and belief in God and who He is.

Jesus' Purpose and Destiny

Jesus came to seek and save [sozo] the lost. As we have discussed in previous sections, Jesus is a Jealous Lover who is tearing down walls, scaling mountains, and diving into the depths to rescue

and save us from the afflictions of the enemy. The Love of God never ceases to work on our behalf because of His Goodness. Jesus was sent to the earth by, The Father, to do the will of His Father.

John 6:38

"38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

John 6:40

"40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 6:57

"57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me, will live because of me."

Jesus came so that we may have life and have it more abundantly. Abundant life is experiencing, encountering, and receiving the fullness of the Spirit of the Living God and all that the Cross and blood of Jesus provided, which includes our salvation, assurance of Heaven for eternity, along with healing, prosperity, protection, wholeness, and peace.

Everywhere Jesus went He taught and ministered to those who came to Him doing only what He saw His Father doing and speaking only what He heard the Father saying.

Jesus gave the instruction to His disciples to pray this way: "Father, Holy is your name, Your Kingdom Come. Your Will be done on earth just as it in Heaven" (Mathew 6:10).

Think about it, what is allowed to be in Heaven? Sickness? Disease? Poverty? Sadness or sorrow?

The answer is no, absolutely not! None of those earthly sufferings will be present or allowed to enter into the gates of Heaven. So, when Jesus taught His disciples, He demonstrated the Kingdom of Heaven and manifested Heaven in the midst of the people by destroying the afflictions of the people.

A religious spirit has convinced and deceived the church into believing that one can only encounter Heaven at the time of his/her physical death. That is a lie to keep believers from receiving the fullness of their salvation on Earth. Numerous times in Scripture it tells us that Jesus preached, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" (Mathew 4:17).

Other Scriptures state that the Kingdom of God has come near you. This means NOW. Glory to God!! We get to encounter and experience the reward of Heaven NOW. We can be healed NOW, we can be blessed NOW, and we can receive sozo NOW!

Jesus Commissioned His Followers to Heal and Deliver.

John 20:21

"21 Peace be with you! As the Father has sent ME, I am sending you!"

Matthew 28:19-20

"19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you."

Mark 16:15, 17-18

"15...Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature...17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In my name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they 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."

Mark 16:20

"20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working WITH them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen!"

The Commission still stands today for those who are followers, disciples, of Jesus Christ. The word disciple means to be a learner of, a student of, and to discipline oneself in the ways of Jesus Christ. The Great Commission was not just for the immediate disciples to whom Jesus was speaking, but it is given to all believers.

Matthew 10:1 states, "And when HE had called His disciples to him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease." As you keep reading in that chapter, you will see that in verse 5 Jesus commands them don't go into the way of

the Gentiles...But go rather to the <u>lost</u> sheep... And as you go, preach, saying "The kingdom of heaven is at hand, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons, freely you have received, freely give."

Then in John 14:12 Jesus affirms His followers by saying, "Most assuredly I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

My charge to you is to EXPECT "GREATER THINGS." We only have to take Jesus at His Word. His promises are TRUE. He is Faithful and True! The best news yet, is that our prayers of faith in the Name of Jesus carries the full weight of His authority and enforces the blessing of the Lord, bringing Heaven to Earth.

The Gift of Healings, Miracles, and Faith

The gifts of healings, miracles, and faith all work together and are administered by the Great Holy Spirit to each one of us as a display of the personal, powerful, presence of Holy Spirit on us. These gifts are released to EVERY believer for the good of the church. It is important to know that there is no one gift that is greater than the other. The motivator behind these gifts is Jesus who is LOVE. The Lord desperately wants us to be healed and whole and restored back to Him.

Gifts of the Spirit are not to be accepted passively, but are to be actively exercised and used to set the saints free from the afflictions of the enemy.

Gift of Faith

Mark 11:22-24

"22 Jesus answered them and said, 'Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain "be removed and be cast into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

The gift of faith is a supernatural faith to believe God in an unbelievable circumstance. This gift works very strongly with gifts of healings and miracles. It opposes and annihilates the forces of doubt and unbelief. It is usually manifested for "the moment" or for a specific/special task. I like to say that God thrives in impossible situations. The gift of faith encompasses the deep-rooted belief that there really is nothing too big or too hard for our God.

Faith and Healings

Acts 14:9-10

"9 This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, 10 said with a loud voice, 'Stand up straight on your feet!' And he leaped and walked."

Mark 5:34

"34 And He said to her, 'Daughter your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

Remember FAITH and Healings work together. One's doubt or unbelief can stop or hinder the move of God in administering healing to a person. Jesus himself removed those who were unbelieving and full of doubt as we read in the testimony of Jairus. Jairus approached Jesus and pleaded with Him to come and heal his daughter as she was dying. While Jesus was speaking, someone came from Jairus' house and told him his daughter was dead and to not bother Jesus anymore. Jesus comforted Jairus by saying, "Don't be afraid, <u>Just Believe</u>, and she will be made well" (Luke 8:50).

Jesus did not permit anyone but the child's parents and Peter, James, and John to go in with him to pray for the girl. He guarded the situation with FAITH. The girl was raised from the dead!

Let's consider all the times Jesus was moved by the faith of the people.

Jairus knew that if Jesus just put His hands on his daughter she would be made well and live.

Mark 5:23

"23 He fell at his feet and 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."

The Centurion knew and believed that Jesus did not even need to be present for healing to take place, but that He only needed to speak the word.

Matthew 8:8

"8 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, 'Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.' And Jesus said to him, 'I will come and heal him.' The 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."

The hemorrhaging woman had faith that if she could just touch the hem of Jesus' cloak, she would be healed.

Matthew 9:21

"21 For she said, 'if only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well."

Not one of these times did Jesus fail to move and work according to their faith bringing full restoration to the afflicted and dying.

The Prayer of Faith

Mark 11: 22-24

"22 Jesus Said, 'Have Faith in God. For Assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea," 'and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

Simply put, the Prayer of FAITH WILL SAVE THE SICK. Believe God and His Word and He will show

up in every circumstance. Jeremiah 33:3 says, "Call unto me and I will tell of great and unsearchable things that you did not know."

James 5:15-16

"15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

Gift of Healings – They Will Recover.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

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

The gift of healing is a Holy Spirit given ability to impart miraculous healing to the body or soul of a person in Jesus Name. It is the anointing of Jesus Christ Himself flowing in and through a person, to destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 1:4

"4 Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world." We can do nothing of our own accord, but only by the Spirit of the Living God and the power of Holy Spirit working in us.

The word, healing, means the actual act or process of restoring one to health. It is also the process of getting well.

Mark 16:18

"18...they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover."

Please always remember that Jesus Christ is the Healer. We are just the physical vessel who has the honor to be used by Jesus to bring Heaven to Earth for the sake of the one in front of us.

God created our bodies with the miraculous ability to recover. Recover means to get back or retain something lost or stolen. This recovery process is part of the promise: I will never leave you, fail you or forsake you. It is our covenant promise.

Healings can take place over time or can be manifested immediately. Below is a testimony in Scripture where healing manifested on the spot.

Mark 7:32-35

"32 Then they brought him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to put his hands on him. 33 And he took him aside from the multitude and put his fingers in his ears, spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him 'Ephphatha' that is 'Be opened.' 35 Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly."

Regardless of when the healing proves itself in your life or those to whom you minister, continue to remain steadfast in Faith in your God; decreeing the word of promise; "He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions" (Psalm 107:20).

There have been many times where I have found myself speaking:

"No matter what it looks it, no matter what it feels like, no matter what it sounds like, I will TRUST JESUS and His Word"

Miracles

A miracle is an event in the real world brought about by a person or as an act of God, operating without the use of means that are discerned by the senses. In the Bible, miracles are designed to authenticate the divine commission of a religious teacher and the truth of his message. Miracles are creative signs or wonders. As defined by Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, a miracle is an extra-ordinary event, manifesting divine intervention in human affairs.

Below is but another account of a miracle from the Bible:

Matthew 17:15; 18

"15 'Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.' 18 And

Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour."

As you can see from this passage, the man was pleading with Jesus to heal his son from epilepsy. The child was healed the instant that Jesus took authority over the demon afflicting the child.

There are several words used in the Bible that indicate miracles. The Greek word, "dunamis," means a special superhuman power, ability, might, or strength.

Dunamis power is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead. It is a miracle working power that flows in us. Christ the anointed one is in us. Miracles in the Bible convinced the people that Jesus was the Son of God.

Mark 16:17-18

"17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In my name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they 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."

Mark 16:20

"20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen."

Acts 2:19

"19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath."

Word of Knowledge and Discerning of Spirits

Word of Knowledge and Discerning of Spirits are gifts of Holy Spirit that will assist you in the ministry of healing deliverance because they help to give you credibility. The Bible tells us these gifts profit us all.

I Corinthians 12:7-8

"7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit."

The discerning of spirits means that you will be able to determine what spirits are working within or upon the individual in order for him/her to be delivered from demonic oppression. With the discerning of spirits, Holy Spirit will direct you to discern good from evil spirits, human spirits, curses that are operating, flesh, sin, and of course, demonic spirits.

For example, while you are talking with or praying for someone, you will be able to tell if the person is operating under a jealous spirit. Holy Spirit will highlight certain words that will "jump out" at you and cause you to ask questions to further identify what spirit is at work.

The word of knowledge is a revelatory gift that brings:

- definite conviction
- supernatural insight
- an impression or knowing

- a piece of information about the past or present
- inspired utterance of facts

The word of knowledge brings divine knowledge, that God reveals, about individuals, their current circumstance, or past situations in order to heal, save, or deliver them. If you receive an impression or a word of knowledge that someone has a sickness or injury, it is an indication that God wants to heal them. He revealed it to you for the purpose of freedom! The great news about this is that He has also hand-picked you as the anointed vessel to bring that healing and deliverance. Wow! What an honor, that He would reveal to you vital information for an individual. Scripture says that we all see in part and hear in part, so it is imperative that every saint shares what they receive from Holy Spirit. "For we know in part and we prophesy in part..." (1 Corinthians 13:9).

The more specific the word of knowledge, the more the individuals' faith increases. This creates an expectancy in them to be healed and they are amazed that God would see or know such specifics about them. This opens their hearts toward His love!

When you receive a word of knowledge, Holy Spirit will reveal to you what to do with the knowledge you receive, so be sure to pay attention to not only the word of knowledge, but Holy's Spirit's instruction concerning it. He will show practically how to give/share the word of knowledge revealed.

Words of knowledge can be revealed to you in many ways. The information below is taken from Randy Clark's, Ministry Team Training Manual, pp. 62-63 with my own personal emphasis added. Hopefully, this will bring understanding and clarity to some of the ways you may receive words of knowledge.

1. Feeling

You may have:

A sharp pain in some part of your body, a throbbing sensation, some other sensation, or a strong emotion such as fear or panic.

When you have a sudden ailment come on you, ask Holy Spirit if what you are experiencing is for the person to whom you are ministering?

There have been times when I get a headache while praying for a person. It is rare for me to get headaches, so I know that Holy Spirit is revealing something to me when I do. Often, headaches indicate witchcraft or divination affecting a person. When I get headaches like this, Holy Spirit is telling me that He wants to heal them and take that affliction from them. The individual may have migraine headaches and the Lord wants to heal them from them.

2. Seeing

You may get a mental picture, showing a body part – perhaps a heart, foot, an eye, or a head. As you receive an image, ask Holy Spirit what you are seeing and why. Let Him speak to you and show you what is at hand.

You may also see more detailed images such as a person with a certain condition such as a limp or

a person carefully holding his arm. You may see assistive devices like a crutch, cane, or eye-glasses. Ultimately the Father's heart is to heal what ails the person. There may be times when you see images that do not relate to physical healing. You may see a water bottle, a barbed wired fence, or even an auto accident or its aftermath. You may see tornados. What does the person do if he/she sees detailed images? Just ask the Lord why you are seeing this image. You can ask the person if any of these things you are seeing means anvthing to them. For instance, if you see a barbed wired fence and you ask if it meant anything to them, they may tell you, 'well as a matter of fact, I fell on a barbed wired fence when I was 10 years old and it injured a muscle in my leg that still hurts me to this day!'

Just know El Roi, The God who Sees, knows right where a person is at and what that person needs for the moment. His heart's desire is to see His children walking in truth and freedom. He came to set us free. He desires to heal us.

3. Reading

You may see in your mind:

A person with a word written across his front or back, or over his head, a word written on a wall or on a carpet, something like a newspaper headline, or a banner.

There was one time where I was receiving ministry from Holy Spirit Himself and I saw the word "Breakthrough" Tattooed across my chest. He is the Lord of the Breakthrough, so I knew He was

declaring and inscribing in my heart that Breakthrough is mine because of Him and His faithfulness to always deliver and rescue. Just as David inquired of the Lord, "Will you deliver the Philistines into my hands?" and the Lord's reply was "I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hands."

II Samuel 5:19-20

"19 So David inquired of the Lord, saying 'Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand?' And the Lord said to David, 'Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand.' 20 So David went to Baal-Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, 'The Lord has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water."

You may sense in your mind a mental impression. I have seen banners and flags over a person declaring victory. I have had overwhelming impressions of sorrow, grief and even joy. When you sense these things in your mind, speak them forth, declaring them into existence as Jesus did in Romans 4

Romans 4:17

"17...God who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did..."

This Scripture leads us to another way words of knowledge can be revealed.

4. Speaking

While talking, praying, or standing with someone, unpremeditated words may tumble out of your mouth relating to a physical condition of which you were unaware. The Word of God is creative. There is power in speaking the words of God. Remember Jesus, Himself, spoke things into existence even though they were not. He is our model and He has given us authority to decree a thing so it will be established here on Earth. "You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways" (Job 22:28).

5. A Dream

You may have a vivid dream or vision in which you have a new health problem, you see someone with a health problem, or you may hear someone talking about a health problem in a dream. You may also have a dream of someone completely healed and restored of his/her current condition or state. This is the Lord revealing His Love and His promises. Sharing this dream will give hope to stand fast and wait upon the Lord. I call these glimpses of glory. Just when you are weary in the wait, He reveals a portion of what is to come to restore your hope and faith in Him.

When you have a dream like these, take the opportunity to agree with Heaven and release in prayer and declarations what you saw.

6. Experience it

Similar to dreaming it, you may have a vivid vision while awake. It may be so strong that it seems as if you are actually a part of what is happening, not just an observer. Sometimes these categories blend together. Is it a mental picture or a vision? A vision can be likened to a Technicolor movie. A vision is something given by Holy Spirit that is beyond a mental picture in intensity and vividness.

It is important that you steward well, every bit and type of revelation the Lord gives to you. This is how you grow and mature in spiritual gifts. To those who have, more will be given, that is, if we do not waste what we receive.

Mark 4:24-25

"24 Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. 25 For whoever has, to him more will be given..."

Ministering - How to Pray for the Sick

You have been commissioned by Jesus to heal, save, and deliver. Always pray in faith and depend totally on Holy Spirit to direct you. Just do what Holy Spirit says. It is important to listen to Holy Spirit as He may direct you specifically or show you through supernatural knowledge something needed for the healing. Follow the unction's and promptings that you receive as you are praying, then leave the outcome to Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit will do the work. You are only responsible for obeying what Holy Spirit says. Holy Spirit will give you what you need for the moment and He will release the anointing to bring about the healing or miracle.

There is NO FORMULA for healing. It is the love and power of God flowing from you that will heal them. Holy Spirit will direct all and

will empower you to heal and deliver!

General idea for praying for the sick:

1. Introduce yourself if you do not know the person and ask their name

Love and a smile work great! Maintain eye contact and pray with your eyes open to watch God touch them.

- 2. Ask the person what it is they need? How can I pray for you?
- 3. Ask if you can lay hands on them.

Usually placing your hand on their shoulder is good. However, if there is an injury or pain in a hand, leg, foot, or elbow, etc., you may want to lay hands on that with discretion. It may also be a good idea to have the person place their hand on the part of the body needing healing and then you can place your hand on top of theirs.

Sometimes an individual DOES NOT WANT TO BE TOUCHED due to trauma or wounds in their soul. In this case just pray for them without the laying on of hands.

4. Speak to the pain, sickness, or injury and command it to be healed in Jesus name, and command the spirit of the sickness to leave in Jesus name. Release the blessing of healing and miracles in Jesus name. The following are a few examples of prayer:

"Father, I speak to this knee to be healed and I

command all pain to leave in Jesus name. I command all spirits of infirmity and knee pain to leave now in Jesus name. I command all trauma from the injury to leave in Jesus Name. I release Your healing to them now, in Jesus name."

"Be healed in Jesus name!"

"Father, I command the back to straighten up now!"

"I command the blindness to leave in Jesus name, and release sight!"

"I command the arm to grow back in Jesus name. I release a creative miracle – I release an arm in Jesus name!"

Remember Jesus is the Healer and causes the healing to take place. You only have to be a voice of faith and trust that your God will move mountains on your behalf.

5. Ask them if they feel or sense anything? Do they still have pain? Can they move or do something they could not do before?

Are they 80% better? If not, where do they think they are? If not 100%, then pray again. This encourages them that God is working and will complete it!

6. Ask how they are now? Follow the Holy Spirit as He directs you.

If healed, then rejoice and thank God! Encourage them! Let them tell you they are healed!

If the person is not healed, then as the Holy Spirit directs, you can interview them some more to determine a specific prayer strategy.

If they want to stop praying, then just bless and encourage them and go on. Never force someone to pray or make them feel bad because of what does or does not happen.

NEVER TELL A PERSON THEY ARE NOT HEALED OR THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH FAITH TO BE HEALED.

Common Hindrances to Healing

Unforgiveness

Unforgiveness is one of the most common hindrances to healing; ironically, it is also one of the major reasons someone may need healing in the first place. When we harbor unforgiveness toward a person, there is a chemical effect that occurs in our bodies that is harmful. Medical research has proven that bitterness is one of the root causes for cancer and other serious physical ailments.

Just think about it this way, when I have unforgiveness in my heart toward a person, it is as if I am drinking a bottle of poison but expecting it to do harm to the person I am at odds with. The reality and truth is that the only person it is hurting in the natural earthly realm, is yourself. I can be angry and mad and resentful of you all I want, but you can move on freely and have no side effects of my feelings towards you.

There are implications in the spirit realm when we do not forgive a person who has hurt us. Our unforgiveness does have ill effects. It brings a judgment toward the person and the enemy can use judgements as an open door to afflict and enforce all kinds of evil works in a person's life. Judgments often work both ways. When you were young, do you remember the saying that when you point your finger at someone you have 3 fingers pointing back at you? This is somewhat true in the spirit realm with how judgments work. Any judgment you have seems to enforce a curse upon the person with whom you are upset and then brings that very same thing upon you. Often times this will lead to speaking and making vows about a person or a situation. We will discuss vows in the next section.

Curse or Vow

Inner Vows are typically made early in life and as a result of an adverse situation or traumatic event. When we make an inner vow, it is a vow to ourself and not to God or another person. It is often made with deep emotion and is often made in response to a person's actions toward us or a negative experience. Vows are made based on judgements that we make in our heart about another person or organization. Typically, we make vows against those who are in authority over us when things do not go well or we have been wounded by them. Vows typically are made and then very quickly forgotten. Vows become like a seal over our heart that cannot be accessed or touched by God or man until the vow is broken and rendered null and void in our lives. Until vows are renounced, they may lie dormant for years, until you encounter a circumstance that acts like a trigger to the vow. It is then that you will see the very thing you once despised operating and manifesting in your very own life. Statements of I will never... and I will always... are indicative of a vow that has been made. For instance, if you grew up with an abusive parent, you may have vowed to yourself, "I will never be like my mother/father." "I will never treat my kids like that." Yet, when you have your own children, and as time goes on, you find yourself saying and doing the very same things that you did not want to do.

If you find that a vow has been made, you can renounce the vow in the Name of Jesus and render its effects null and void. Give Holy Spirit permission to come and remove its seal from your heart. Welcome Holy Spirit to fill it completely and receive the Blood of Jesus as the true seal upon your heart.

Curses

A curse is something in the unseen realm that comes against you to stop or slow you down from obtaining your true call, purpose and destiny for which you were created for in Christ Jesus. A curse is set into motion through various ways: generational/ancestral curses, word curses, and then through our actions and personal choices. Any participation with the occult or cultic practices are sure to bring a curse upon you. Proverbs 26:2 states, "Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, a curse without a cause shall not alight." This means that in order for a curse to be in operation in your life, there must be grounds or reason for to be working against your life. Something

has to be acting as an invitation or open door in order for a curse to work.

Primary Causes of Curses summarized and taken from <u>Shadow Boxing</u> by Henry Malone pp. 95-106.

1. Disobedience and disrespect towards parents.

Ephesians 6:1-3

"1 Children obey your parents I the Lord, for this is right. 2 'Honor your father and mother.' which is the first commandment with a promise: 3 'that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

Ask Holy Spirit to show you where you have been disobedient or have dishonored your parents. Repent of what He shows you and destroy the curses that may have come upon you through these actions. Receive the blessing from Ephesians 6:10, "it will be well with you and long life on Earth."

2. Acknowledging or worshipping false gods.

Exodus 20:2-3

"2 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 You shall have no other gods before Me."

3. Involvement with the Occult

Galatians 5:20-21

"20...Idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which

I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

All forms of witchcraft and the occult are widespread in America and are very dangerous business. Often, the believer is ignorant or deceived by the schemes of the devil. I personally was completely ignorant to witchcraft being very real in my midst. As a young adult, I was presented with opportunities to participate with witchcraft tactics for entertainment purposes: a hypnotist at Project Graduation and then later in my college years, reading of tarot cards. The problem with this was that I was completely ignorant that it was real and actually worked. I thought it was just a game and for fun. Little did I know, my physical presence, was a silent form of agreement, and it had ill effects on my life until I was taught that witchcraft was very real and I had the opportunity to repent and be delivered from every demon spirit that was assigned to me through those two situations.

4. Iniquity and Oppression

Isaiah 53:6

"6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Generational iniquity in our family line can bring upon curses to the third and fourth generation. It is important that you ask Holy Spirit to reveal any iniquity where the entry point and root entered with your ancestors. We have the authority to repent on behalf of ourselves, our family, and our forefathers and bring an axe to the root cause of the curse and the iniquity being passed down from generation to generation.

Numbers 14:18

"18 The Lord is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation."

5. All sexual sin

God forbids any sexual relationship outside of a husband (male) and wife (female) in marriage and there are grave consequences when we participate with any sexual immorality.

6. Anti-Semitism

Be very careful that you do not speak against God's chosen people, the Israelite and the Jewish people. God is serious about this.

Genesis 12:3

"3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

This was spoken by God to Abraham and the Jewish people, but it still applies today. God's Word never changes.

7. Dependence on your own strength

Jeremiah 17:5

"5 Thus says the Lord: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength,

whose heart departs form the Lord."

Jeremiah 17:7

"7 Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is in the Lord."

The trust referenced in the Scripture above, is also describing a dependency on Him that brings the blessing of the Lord in your life. Trusting that He will make a way for you, that He will provide for you, protect you and prosper you.

8. Stealing and Lying

Zechariah 5:3

"3...This is the curse that goes out over the earth: Every thief shall be expelled, according to this side of the scroll; and every perjurer shall be expelled, according to that side of it. 'I will send out the curse,' says the Lord of Hosts; 'it shall enter the house of the thief and the house of the one who swears falsely by My name. It shall remain in the midst of his house and consume it with its timber and stones."

9. Not giving tithes and offerings to the Lord

Malachi 3:8-11

"8 Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! 'But you say, In what way have we robbed You?' In the tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed ME, Even this whole nation.

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in MY house, 'And try ME in this,' Says the Lord of Hosts, 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for

you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, SO that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,' Says the Lord of Hosts..."

10. Words spoken by those in authority

Those in authority over your life can be anyone who is in a position of authority over us, such as parents, spouses, teachers, pastors, supervisors in the workplace, etc.

When those in authority over you speak against you or release a curse, that curse is set into motion. For example, my mother would always say that I was her accident child, and that I was accident prone. She would explain that I was the only one of her kids that was in the Emergency Room every month. What she did not realize is that by declaring that I was her accident child, she was releasing a curse. That curse was set into motion by her words and we were living the fruit of the words.

Anytime a word curse happens, we have the authority in Jesus Christ to condemn the words spoken over us! God's angels assigned to us to go and capture them and bind with the chains of Jesus every demon spirit sent to enforce the curse in our life in Jesus name. This prayer can render the curse null and void.

11. Words spoken against yourself

We are our own worst enemy because we con-

stantly release curses over ourselves in our frustration with our humanness. For instant, how many times have you said, "I can't do this, I can't do that, or what's wrong me? "I am sick and tired of" All of these statements put a target on our backs for the words to come true.

Proverbs 18:21

"21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit."

Willful Sin

If you are walking in willful sin, meaning that you know what you are doing is sin, and you continue to do it anyway, this can hinder you from being healed or receiving the fullness of Holy Spirit working in your life. Scripture tells us that the wages of sin is death; sin brings every form of destruction to a person's life; sometimes it includes physical death.

Romans 6:23

"23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Willful sin stops the blessing of the Lord from coming forth and being enforced in one's life. We want the fullness of the blessing! Repent and be healed. In James 5:16 it says, "Confess your trespasses (sins) to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed."

Wounded Spirit or Broken Heart

The dictionary defines brokenhearted as one being burdened with great sorrow, grief or disap-

pointment. In life, there are many ways that we can be wounded or brokenhearted. Many times, a broken heart comes from a loss in a relationship or a disappointment when something doesn't go how you wanted it to go.

We serve a God who sees the deep things in our hearts. Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted and to bind up our wounds. Holy Spirit is the comforter and Jesus heals. This is His unfailing love, to see us completely healed spirit, soul and body.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

"3 Blessed are the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

Psalm 147:3

"3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

1 Samuel 16:7

"7 For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Psalm 34:4-7

"4 I sought the Lord and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked to Him and were radiant and their faces were not ashamed. 6 This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him and delivers them."

Psalm 34:18

"18 The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart and saves such as have a contrite [crushed] spirit."

Isaiah 43:2-3

"2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy one of Israel, your Savior."

Take heart, Your God is with you always.

14. Unbelief

Doubt and unbelief suffocate the power of God moving in our midst. Remember from the beginning we have talked about how unbelief can stop and hinder the move of God in our midst and on behalf of others.

Faith moves mountains. Remember who your God is and what He has done for you! Praise Him for His miraculous deeds and His goodness in your life. This will shift your heart from doubt to believing and Faith.

Prayers

When you are praying with others over hindrances, lead them in prayer by having them repeat after you.

First lead them through forgiveness as the Lord

reveals. They must pray, forgive, and release those they have not forgiven.

"Father, I choose to forgive (name of person) for what they have done, and I bless them and release them to you Father, in Jesus name." They must be specific. Allow time for the Lord to heal them. Do not be in a hurry.

Lead them through repentance of sins. They must pray and renounce willful sin and repent.

"Father, I repent for participating with (what has been done). I am so sorry Jesus, please forgive me." Sometimes they need to forgive themselves. If there is a curse, have them pray with you, and destroy it in Jesus name.

"Father, I repent for me and my forefathers for participating with cancer. I destroy this curse of cancer back to the beginning in Jesus name, and now command the cancer to leave my body!"

If there is an inner vow, then have them repent for this and renounce it and destroy it in Jesus name.

"Father, I have vowed that I would never be sick like my dad. I destroy this vow now in Jesus name, and command the sickness to leave me now in Jesus name!"

If the individual knows they do not believe in healing or they were taught it doesn't exist today, etc., then simply have them repent of it and release faith and command the spirit of unbelief to leave in Jesus name.

For inner healing of a wounded spirit, just follow Holy Spirit as you pray with them, leading them in forgiveness and repentance, allowing the Lord to reveal His love to them. Pray that all brokenness and trauma would leave their hearts and for them to be healed in Jesus' name.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Jesus is good! He came to demonstrate His goodness and reveal His Glory through Love. Jesus redeemed mankind and destroyed the curse of sin, sickness, oppression and poverty. The salvation He offers us today is more than just the assurance of going to Heaven when we die. It includes miracles and healings along with so much more. Jesus has given us the authority and power to reveal His love to those he has placed in our sphere of influence. He charged us to do as He did, healing the sick and delivering all who were oppressed by the devil. Certainly, Jesus is returning for His Bride who is made ready. Because, the desire of the Father is to see His children walking in complete freedom and wholeness, manifesting shalom peace and wholeness, where there is nothing missing, nothing broken, and nothing lacking in the lives of the believers, He won't stop coming after us until we are perfected completely.

Jesus has commissioned His church to be His hands and feet bringing the good news and fullness of His Spirit and His anointing to every creature and soul. His heart is that all would be saved to the uttermost, receiving and knowing Sozo sal-

vation. The cry of the people, "'Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; Save me, and I shall be saved, For you are my praise.' Indeed, they say to me, 'Where is the word of the Lord? Let it come now" (Jeremiah 17:14-15)! Jesus answered that cry completely.

We can have confidence in the finished work of the cross. We must believe and not doubt.

I John 5:14-15

"14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He HEARS us. 15 And if we know He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

The victory is ours through the blood of Jesus. Let's walk in the fullness of that victory!

I John 5:4

"4 Beloved, GO in FAITH in JESUS. ...And this is the victory that has overcome the world – OUR FAITH!"

Prayer for Salvation

If you have not made Jesus Christ your personal Lord and Savior, and you desire this with all your heart, then please, join me in prayer:

"Heavenly Father, I choose to believe with all my heart, Your love for me. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, the Son of God, and that He is God in the flesh. I believe that You sent Him to this earth to save me. Thank You. I believe He died on the cross for my sins and He was dead and buried three days, and then rose again from the dead and that He ascended to Heaven and is now seated at Your right hand and is returning again.

Father, please forgive me for all my sin and iniquity and I choose to forgive others who have sinned against me. I give You all my heart and choose to live with You forever. I believe I have been born again according to Your Word and that I have been transferred out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light. I declare I am forgiven and healed! Now, I ask for Holy Spirit to fill me. Jesus, baptize me in Holy Spirit and fullness in order that I may know You intimately and serve You all my days.

Scriptures:

John 14:6

"6 Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"

Romans 10:8-13

"8 But what does it say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, 'Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.' 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

John 3:3-8, 16-18

"3 Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.' 4 Nicodemus said to Him, 'How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?' 5 Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said

to you, "You must be born again." 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

"16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 'He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

II Corinthians 5:17

"17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

I Corinthians 15:3-5

"3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve."

II Corinthians 5:21

"21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Colossians 1:13-14

"13 He has delivered us from the power of dark-

ness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."

Luke 11:9-13

"9 So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Acts 1:8

"8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

I Timothy 3:16

"16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory."

Fresh Infilling of Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8

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If you have been born again and filled with Holy Spirit and you desire MORE and want to encounter the Lord's presence afresh and anew, please join me in prayer:

"Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank You for loving me and I ask according to Ephesians 1:17-19, that You would give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, Jesus, and the eyes of my understanding would be enlightened; that I may know what is the hope of His calling and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places. Amen.

Father, according to Colossians 3:9-12, I ask in Jesus name, that I would be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that I would walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power. Amen.

I surrender and yield my life to the fullness of Holy Spirit; His power and anointing; the spirit of wisdom and revelation; counsel and might; the spirit of the fear of the Lord and knowledge according to Isaiah 11:2, in Jesus name. Amen."

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