

"PRAYING FOR HEALING"

Mark 16:17-18

Preached healing crusade. Some wonderful miracles/some battles. Reminds me why healing is so important to God.

I. HEALING PERSONNEL

A. Great mistake and a plot from hell: *Only certain people with the "gift of healing" can pray for the sick*

1. *My father saved in era of healing evangelists: Only special men of God with a gift of healing can pray for the sick*
 - a. *Early days of our fellowship: 1 guy who preached healing crusades...he liked being 'the guy'*

2. Gift of healing: For those who cannot exercise faith for themselves: *Unconscious/impaired/unsaved*

B. Clear healing meant to be inclusive – universal; For all believers!

1. All of 12 "disciples" All of unnamed 70 disciples (*Are you a disciple/follower of Jesus?*)

- a. **Mark 16:17-18** *And these signs shall follow them that believe...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

2. The qualification is believing God – what he says about healing: *His power/His track record*

- a. **Hebrews 13:8** *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

3. You have to build your own faith/make up your own mind about healing

- a. What does God's word say? b. Build your faith by reading books/testimonies about healing

4. But faith involves action: You must act on what God says!

- a. *100% of all those you don't pray for will not get healed b. If you pray for sick people – some will be healed*

1. Our biggest hinderance is fear: Actually our pride/ego; What if they don't get healed?

- b. If you will surrender your ego to God: God will honor your faith and obedience

II. TAKING DOMINION

A. Healing is based on **authority**: The right to use or exercise power that is given

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

- a. *Policeman stands in road lifting hand to stop: Not larger than car – but uses all the power behind him to change traffic situation*

2. **Mat 10:1** *And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.*

- a. Notice: Casting out spirits connected with healing the sick!

B. Healing comes by taking dominion over sickness

1. **Take authority over the spirit causing the problem Mark 9:25** *When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."*

- a. Jesus didn't spend time asking Father to please heal – he commanded the spirit to leave!

1. *My experience 1st crusade: You foul demon – come out of her hand!*

2. **Command the body to function properly Mark 7:33-34** *After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!").*

- a. Who or what is Jesus talking to? His ears/his tongue!! Command it to work as it should

1. *Crusade in Rancho: Come on out leg! No, not just a little bit – all the way out!* 2. *Romania: Teenage girl/totally blind woman healed*

III. SIGNS FOLLOWING

A. God is waiting for people who will believe

1. **Mark 16:20** *Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.*

- a. Then...a timing word: After

2. **First comes believing 3. Then comes declaring: Mark 16:20** *Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere...*

- a. Declaration is powerful: *The year of Jubilee/freedom was declared* b. *The Spirit of the Lord is on me...*

- c. Preach it: *You get what you preach. If you want healing – preach on Jesus as a healer*

- d. Say it personally: *God can heal you! (Some let pride get in the way here; If I don't say it/won't be embarrassed)*

- e. Declare it publicly: *When you preach – Jesus is risen from the dead. God is going to heal tonight!*

4. **Then comes demonstration:** You've got to pray for people/have them test – do what couldn't before

B. God will work with you:

1. Faith pleases God! He honors those that honor Him **Mark 16:20** *Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.*

1. It will do something in you 2. It will change people's lives 3. It will help confirm – for salvation

32 years ago I damaged my right shoulder (rotator cuff) during military training. Over the years my shoulder injury has caused tingling, numbness and tightness all down my arm. I've endured many sleepless nights over the years because I'm not able to sleep on my right side. I have a challenging time raising my right arm above my shoulder during praise and worship. But Monday night, when Ps. Greg began to call out specific body injuries, I joined with the conference body and believed Jesus for a miracle. After praying for healing, I lifted my arms as high as I could to praise God, and there was no pain or discomfort. That night I was able to sleep through the night on my right side... The next morning, I began testing my shoulder with push ups and there was no pain nor discomfort... glory to God, the Lord thy healer.