HEALING
THE SICK
IN
JESUS
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INTRODUCTION

We are living in the days of Elijah! There is a need for a demonstration of the power of God and the authenticity of the Christian message! The following story is as applicable today as it was when it happened on Mount Carmel centuries ago. This story is found in I Kings, chapter 18.

God had given Elijah a word that it would not rain in Israel except according to His word. God shut up the heavens and it did not rain for over three years. Israel was suffering under the withering drought. King Ahab went to meet Elijah. When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you Troubler of Israel?"

I have not made trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the LORD'S commands and have followed the Baals. Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel and bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table.

"So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing.

"Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only one of the LORD'S prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. Get two bulls for us. Let them choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he is God."

Then all the people said, "What you say is good."

Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire." So they took the bull given them and prepared it.

Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "0, Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made. At noon Elijah began to taunt them. "Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened." So they shouted
louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.

Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which was in ruins. Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Your name shall be Israel." With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. 33 He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood."

"Do it again," he said, and they did it again.

"Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "0 LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, 0 LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, 0 LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again."

Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD - he is God! The LORD - he is God!"

Statisticians tell us that the two fastest growing movements in the world today are the Islamic movement and the Christian movement. The good news is that the Christian movement is growing at about 7% annual rate and the Islamic movement is growing at about 3%. The other good news is that more Muslims are receiving Jesus today than ever before in history. More Muslims have converted to Christ in the past 25 years than in all previous history combined.

Islam began in about 600 AD. The primary factor in this equation is that the church of Jesus Christ virtually slept through the dark ages with regard to miracles, signs, and wonders, but in about 1900 AD, with the birth of a new Pentecost on Azusa Street in Los Angeles, California, the church worldwide has been waking up
to begin again to do the works of Jesus. The people of the first century said of the Christian Movement, "They that have turned the world upside down have come here also!" They are beginning to say the same of the present movement of healing, deliverance, miracles, signs and wonders and this movement is growing and increasing all over the world!

The purpose of this book, which is used as a manual to train and equip the people of God in our School of Healing and Deliverance to heal the sick in Jesus name, is to further this mighty wave of God's presence and power through miracles, signs and wonders, especially that of divine healing! To that end, let us pray daily the prayer of the early church found in Acts 4:29-30, "And now Father, behold their threats and grant to your servants that with all boldness we may preach your word by stretching forth your hand to heal and let signs and wonders be done in the name of Jesus."
Chapter 1
THE SCHOOL OF HEALING & DELIVERANCE

The Lord has led us to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry specifically in the ministry of divine healing. Jesus said to his disciples as he sent them out to preach the Kingdom of God, "In whatever city you enter, heal the sick that are therein." (Luke 10: 8-9) It is notable that he told them to do only two things, preach the Kingdom of God and heal the sick. If preaching and healing was important in His school, it should be in ours! May the leaders of the church in every city will be faithful to equip the saints to heal the sick in Jesus' name.

Jesus' primary ministry, next to preaching the Kingdom of God, was healing the sick. His fame spread abroad, mainly because of the miracles of healing which he performed. People flocked to hear what he was saying because of what he was doing. Even Nicodemus, a well-known teacher in Israel, said, "Teacher, we know that you are sent from God! No man can do what you are doing unless God be with him." Does the church of today need to hear such a commentary about what we are doing? Yes, and in many places that is exactly what is happening!

A recently published book, written by James Rutz entitled, MEGASHIFT, says that there are at least 50 countries where there have been documented accounts of people raised from the dead in Jesus' name over the past few years!

The early church "turned the world upside down" because everywhere they went they preached the gospel of the Kingdom, healed the sick, cast out demons, raised the dead, and did many mighty works in Jesus' name. In many cities they entered, they would not be there more than a week before the whole city was in an uproar! They simply did it like Jesus did it. They healed the sick and cast out evil spirits as their primary ministry.

After the first 300 years of church history, that supernatural fire died down and almost went out! However, in our day there is a powerful resurgence of the healing ministry in large crusades, in small groups, and one on one.

The School of Healing and Deliverance (SOH) will help fuel the fires of this powerful movement. The SOH is simple. Everything in the Kingdom of God starts with prayer. Ask God to give you two or three other believers who will meet with you for prayer to seek God about hosting a SOH in your city or town. Plan to meet at least once a week till there are three or four who are willing to help host the SOH. Get the word out to as many as possible so that there will be
people coming for the training. The SOH a training school for believers who want to become proficient in the ministry of divine healing and deliverance.

The SOH is several hours of intense training, usually held from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, but can be accomplished in a one day seminar. There are no special materials to purchase or enrollment fees to pay. After the training, we will form Healing Teams who have been trained and send them out two by two as Jesus did. The Healing Team of two will agree to call each other daily for prayer and sharing testimonies of opportunities to minister healing to the sick.

The main reason that more Muslims have received Christ in the past 25 years than in the past one thousand years combined, is because the Christian Movement has returned to the prayer of the early church recorded in Acts 4:29-30, "And now Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants that with all boldness we may speak your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal and that signs and wonders may be done in the name of Jesus." In our day, this is once again, becoming the prayer of the Body of Christ, worldwide.
Chapter 2
THE BEST WAY TO READ THIS BOOK

In whatever way you decide to read the truths presented in this book you will be blessed, but greater blessing will come if you read it interactively, sitting in a small circle of believers doing what we call, "Discussion Bible Study," (DBS). This is an exciting way to do group Bible study and this book is essentially a Bible study on the subject of divine healing. Below are guidelines we use to help the DBS run smoothly and effectively:

**Guidelines for Discussion Bible Study**

1. Ask the Lord to direct the study and that everyone will be edified.
2. The leader will direct the discussion, but all will share their questions and insights as the scripture is being read.
3. Make a determined effort to concentrate on what is being read so that you can ask questions and share your understanding and insights.
4. Feel free to interrupt the reader to make comments or ask questions. The heart of DBS is open involvement and interaction.
5. On controversial issues, everyone should have liberty to say it like you see it without taking each other to task or trying to prove your point.
6. Do not remain too long on the same point of discussion. Move along in the reading of the Word. The Word of God itself, without commentary, has power to transform our lives.
7. The leader should not try to provoke discussion. Just let it happen!
8. Keep on track; discuss the passage without going off on a tangent.
9. Encourage the accomplished talkers to practice holding back and encourage the non-talkers to practice entering into the conversation.
10. Those who don't want to read aloud for any reason should feel free to pass it on to the next person.
11. All questions are directed to the group and not to the leader.
12. The reader also has liberty to stop reading to make comments.
13. Read as many verses as you feel comfortable reading then pass it on to the next person to read, taking care that you don't read an excessive amount. Everyone should have the opportunity to read.
14. If you need to leave before the session is over, feel free to do so.
15. No derogatory remarks about individuals or groups!
16. As you read, there will be times when you will come across names of ancient people, places, and things that will be difficult to pronounce. Nobody really knows how these words were once pronounced, so however you pronounce them is correct!
Chapter 3
THE HEALING MINISTRY OF JESUS

To appreciate the significance of divine healing in the ministry of Jesus and the early church, it will be helpful to take a look at the many instances of healing in the four accounts of Jesus' life and ministry as well as the book of Acts which gives the first years of the history of the church.

If we are to minister in divine healing effectively, we must be convinced of its importance. The best way to read the following scriptures is interactively as explained above. Below are all the instances in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts that deal with the ministry of divine healing ministry of Jesus and the apostles.

Matthew Chapter 4
Jesus Heals All

23 Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galileo, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. 24 News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed—he healed them all.

Matthew Chapter 8
Healing and the Will of God

1 Large crowds followed Jesus as he came down the mountainside. 2 Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. "Lord," the man said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean." 3 Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed." And instantly the leprosy disappeared. 4 Then Jesus said to him, "Don't tell anyone about this. Instead, go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed."

Matthew Chapter 8
Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-law

14 When Jesus arrived at Peter's house, Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. 15 But when Jesus touched her hand, the fever left her. Then she got up and prepared a meal for him. 16 That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick. 17 This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said, "He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases."
Matthew Chapter 9  
The Command of Faith

I Jesus climbed into a boat and went back across the lake to his own town. 2 Some people brought to him a paralyzed man on a mat. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "Be encouraged, my child! Your sins are forgiven." 3 But some of the teachers of religious law said to themselves, "That's blasphemy! Does he think he's God?" 4 Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you have such evil thoughts in your hearts? 5 Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'? 6 So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" 7 And the man jumped up and went home! 8 Fear swept through the crowd as they saw this happen. And they praised God for sending a man with such great authority.

Matthew Chapter 12  
Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

9 Then Jesus went over to their synagogue, 10 where he noticed a man with a deformed hand. The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Does the law permit a person to work by healing on the Sabbath?" (They were hoping he would say yes, so they could bring charges against him.) 11 And he answered, "If you had a sheep that fell into a well on the Sabbath, wouldn't you work to pull it out? Of course you would. 12 And how much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Yes, the law permits a person to do good on the Sabbath." 13 Then he said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored, just like the other one! 14 Then the Pharisees called a meeting to plot how to kill Jesus.

Matthew Chapter 12  
The Danger of an Empty Vessel

43 "When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, seeking rest but finding none. 44 Then it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.' So it returns and finds its former home empty, swept, and in order. 45 Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before. That will be the experience of this evil generation."

Matthew Chapter 14  
The Touch of Faith

34 After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. 35 When the people recognized Jesus, the news of his arrival spread quickly throughout the whole area, and soon people were bringing all their sick to be healed. 36 They begged him to
let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.

Matthew Chapter 15
Seeking Healing for a Loved One
21 Then Jesus left Galileo and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, "Have mercy on me, 0 Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely." 23 But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. "Tell her to go away," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging." 24 Then Jesus said to the woman, "I was sent only to help God's lost sheep—the people of Israel." 25 But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, "Lord, help me!" 26 Jesus responded, "It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs." 27 She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters' table." 28 "Dear woman," Jesus said to her, "your faith is great. Your request is granted. "And her daughter was instantly healed.

Matthew Chapter 15
He Healed Them All
29 Jesus returned to the Sea of Galileo and climbed a hill and sat down. 30 A vast crowd brought to him people who were lame, blind, crippled, those who couldn't speak, and many others. They laid them before Jesus, and he healed them all. 31 The crowd was amazed! Those who hadn't been able to speak were talking, the crippled were made well, the lame were walking, and the blind could see again! And they praised the God of Israel.

Matthew Chapter 17
Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Boy
14 At the foot of the mountain, a large crowd was waiting for them. A man came and knelt before Jesus and said, 15 "Lord, have mercy on my son. He has seizures and suffers terribly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. 16 So I brought him to your disciples, but they couldn't heal him." 17 Jesus said, "You faithless and corrupt people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me. "18 Then Jesus rebuked the demon in the boy, and it left him. From that moment the boy was well. 19 Afterward the disciples asked Jesus privately, "Why couldn't we cast out that demon?" 20 "You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.
Matthew Chapter 20
Jesus Heals Two Blind Men
29 As Jesus and the disciples left the town of Jericho, a large crowd followed behind. 30 Two blind men were sitting beside the road. When they heard that Jesus was coming that way, they began shouting, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" 31 "Be quiet!" the crowd yelled at them. But they only shouted louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" 32 When Jesus heard them, he stopped and called, "What do you want me to do for you?" 33 "Lord," they said, "we want to see!" 34 Jesus felt sorry for them and touched their eyes. Instantly they could see! Then they followed him.

Mark Chapter 1
Authority over Evil Spirits
23 Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit began shouting, 24 "Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One sent from God!" 25 Jesus rebuked him. "Be quiet! Come out of the man," he ordered. 26 At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him. 27 Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. "What sort of new teaching is this?" they asked excitedly. "It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!" 28 The news about Jesus spread quickly throughout the entire region of Galilean.

Mark Chapter 3
Divine Healing is the "Dinner Bell" of The Gospel
7 Jesus went out to the lake with his disciples, and a large crowd followed him. They came from all over Galilean, Judea, 8 Jerusalem, Idumea, from east of the Jordan River, and even from as far north as Tyre and Sidon. The news about his miracles had spread far and wide, and vast numbers of people came to see him. 9 Jesus instructed his disciples to have a boat ready so the crowd would not crush him. 10 He had healed many people that day, so all the sick people eagerly pushed forward to touch him. 11 And whenever those possessed by evil spirits caught sight of him, the spirits would throw them to the ground in front of him shrieking, "You are the Son of God!" 12 But Jesus sternly commanded the spirits not to reveal who he was.

Mark Chapter 4
Jesus Calms the Storm
35 As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." 36 So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind
(although other boats followed). 37 But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. 38 Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" 39 When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. 40 Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

Mark Chapter 7
Jesus Heals a Deaf Man
31 Jesus left Tyre and went up to Sidon before going back to the Sea of Galilee and the region of the Ten Towns. 32 A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to him, and the people begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man to heal him. 33 Jesus led him away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then, spitting on his own fingers, he touched the man's tongue. 34 Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened!" 35 Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly! 36 Jesus told the crowd not to tell anyone, but the more he told them not to, the more they spread the news. 37 They were completely amazed and said again and again, "Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak."

Mark Chapter 8
Jesus Heals a Blind Man
22 When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him. 23 Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he asked, "Can you see anything now?" 24 The man looked around. "Yes," he said, "I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around." 25 Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly. 26 Jesus sent him away, saying, "Don't go back into the village on your way home."

Mark Chapter 11
Jesus Curses a Fig Tree
20 The next morning as they passed by the fig tree he had cursed, the disciples noticed it had withered from the roots up. 21 Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the tree on the previous day and exclaimed, "Look, Rabbi! The fig tree you cursed has withered and died! "22 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in
God. 23 I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. 24 I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours. 25 But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.

Mark Chapter 16
These Signs Will Follow My Followers
14 Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead. 15 And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. 16 Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. 17 These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. 18 They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."

Luke Chapter 4
Anointed to Heal
18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, 19 and that the time of the Lord's favor has come.

Luke Chapter 7
The Faith of a Roman Officer
1 When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people, he returned to Capernaum. 2 At that time the highly valued slave of a Roman officer was sick and near death. 3 When the officer heard about Jesus, he sent some respected Jewish elders to ask him to come and heal his slave. 4 So they earnestly begged Jesus to help the man. "If anyone deserves your help, he does," they said, 5 "for he loves the Jewish people and even built a synagogue for us." 6 So Jesus went with them. But just before they arrived at the house, the officer sent some friends to say, "Lord, don't trouble yourself, by coming to my home, for I am not worthy of such an honor. 7 I am not even worthy to come and meet you. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. 8 I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say,
'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it." 9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to the crowd that as following him, he said, "I tell you, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!" 10 And when the officer's friends returned to his house, they found the slave completely healed.

Luke Chapter 7
Jesus Raises a Widow's Son
11 Soon afterward Jesus went with his disciples to the village of Nain, and a large crowd followed him. 12 A funeral procession was coming out as he approached the village gate. The young man who had died was a widow's only son, and a large crowd from the village was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry!" he said. 14 Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. "Young man," he said, "I tell you, get up." 15 Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother. 16 Great fear swept the crowd, and they praised God, saying, "A mighty prophet has risen among us," and "God has visited his people today." 17 And the news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding countryside.

Luke Chapter 9
Sent Out to Heal the Sick
1 One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. 2 Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke Chapter 10
Jesus Sends Out Seventy Other Disciples
1 The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. 2 These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. 3 Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. 4 Don't take any money with you, nor a traveler's bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. And don't stop to greet anyone on the road. 5 "Whenever you enter someone's home, first say, 'May God's peace be on this house.' 6 If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you. 7 Don't move around from home to home. Stay in one place, eating and drinking what they provide. Don't hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve their pay. 8 "If you enter a town and it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you. 9 Heal the sick, and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God is near you.
Luke chapter 10
Jesus Rejoices in the Works of His Disciples
17 When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, "Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!" 18 "Yes," he told them, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning! 19 Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. 20 But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven." 21 At that same time Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, and he said, "0 Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way. 22 "My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." 23 Then when they were alone, he turned to the disciples and said, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you have seen. 24 I tell you, many prophets and kings longed to see what you see, but they didn't see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn't hear it."

Luke Chapter 13
Some Sicknesses are Caused by Demons
10 One Sabbath day as Jesus was teaching in a synagogue, 11 he saw a woman who had been crippled by an evil spirit. She had been bent double for eighteen years and was unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Dear woman, you are healed of your sickness!" 13 Then he touched her, and instantly she could stand straight. How she praised God! 14 But the leader in charge of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus had healed her on the Sabbath day. "There are six days of the week for working," he said to the crowd. "Come on those days to be healed, not on the Sabbath." 15 But the Lord replied, "You hypocrites! Each of you works on the Sabbath day! Don't you untie your ox or your donkey from its stall on the Sabbath and lead it out for water? 16 This dear woman, a daughter of Abraham, has been held in bondage by Satan for eighteen years. Isn't it right that she be released, even on the Sabbath?" 17 This shamed his enemies, but all the people rejoiced at the wonderful things he did.
Luke Chapter 14
Forms of Godliness That Deny the Power of God

1 One Sabbath day Jesus went to eat dinner in the home of a leader of the Pharisees, and the people were watching him closely. 2 There was a man there whose arms and legs were swollen. 3 Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in religious law, "Is it permitted in the law to heal people on the Sabbath day, or not?" 4 When they refused to answer, Jesus touched the sick man and healed him and sent him away. 5 Then he turned to them and said, "Which of you doesn't work on the Sabbath? If your son or your cow falls into a pit, don't you rush to get him out?" 6 Again they could not answer.

John Chapter 4
Jesus Heals an Official's Son

43 At the end of the two days, Jesus went on to Galilee. 44 He himself had said that a prophet is not honored in his own hometown. 45 Yet the Galileans welcomed him, for they had been in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration and had seen everything he did there. 46 As he traveled through Galilee, he came to Cana, where he had turned the water into wine. There was a government official in nearby Capernaum whose son was very sick. 47 When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son, who was about to die. 48 Jesus asked, "Will you never believe in me unless you see miraculous signs and wonders?" 49 The official pleaded, "Lord, please come now before my little boy dies." 50 Then Jesus told him, "Go back home. Your son will live!" And the man believed what Jesus said and started home. 51 While the man was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well. 52 He asked them when the boy had begun to get better, and they replied, "Yesterday afternoon at one o'clock his fever suddenly disappeared!" 53 Then the father realized that that was the very time Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." And he and his entire household believed in Jesus. 54 This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did in Galilee after coming from Judea.

John Chapter 9
Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

1 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. 2 "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?" 3 "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. 4 We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. 5 But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the
saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. 7 He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!"

John Chapter 11
Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead
38 Jesus was deeply moved as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. 39 "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible." 40 Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" 41 So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. 42 You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." 43 Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in grave clothes, his face wrapped in a head cloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"
Chapter 4
THE HEALING MINISTRY OF THE APOSTLES

Acts Chapter 3
Peter and John Heal a Lame Man
1 Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. 2 As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. 4 Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" 5 The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. 6 But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" 7 Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. 8 He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. 9 All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. 10 When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! 11 They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.

Acts Chapter 4
Peter and John before the Council
1 While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. 2 These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. 3 They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning. 4 But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of believers now totaled about 5,000 men, not counting women and children. 5 The next day the council of all the rulers and elders and teachers of religious law met in Jerusalem. 6 Annas the high priest was there, along with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and other relatives of the high priest. 7 They brought in the two disciples and demanded, "By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of our people, are we being questioned today because we've done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? 10 Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. 11 For Jesus is the one
referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. 12 There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.'

Acts Chapter 4
The Believers Pray for Healings, Signs and Wonders
23 As soon as they were freed, Peter and John returned to the other believers and told them what the leading priests and elders had said. 24 When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: "0 Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—25 you spoke long ago by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant, saying, 'Why were the nations so angry? Why did they waste their time with futile plans? 26 The kings of the earth prepared for battle; the rulers gathered together against the Lord and against his Messiah.' 27 "In fact, this has happened here in this very city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, your holy servant, whom you anointed. 28 But everything they did was determined beforehand according to your will. 29 And now, 0 Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. 30 Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

Acts Chapter 5
The Apostles Heal Many
12 The apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple in the area known as Solomon's Colonnade. 13 But no one else dared to join them, even though all the people had high regard for them. 14 Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord—crowds of both men and women. 15 As a result of the apostles' work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter's shadow might fall across some of them as he went by. 16 Crowds came from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil spirits, and they were all healed.

Acts Chapter 9
Peter Heals Aeneas and Raises Dorcas
32 Meanwhile, Peter traveled from place to place, and he came down to visit the believers in the town of Lydda. 33 There he met a man named Aeneas, who had been paralyzed and bedridden for eight years. 34 Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you! Get up, and roll up your sleeping mat! "And he was healed
instantly. 35 Then the whole population of Lydda and Sharon saw Aeneas walking around, and they turned to the Lord.

Acts Chapter 9
Peter Raises Dorcus from the Dead

36 There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor. 37 About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room. 38 But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, "Please come as soon as possible! "39 So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them. 40 But Peter asked them all to leave the room; then he knelt and prayed. Turning to the body he said, "Get up, Tabitha." And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up! 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he presented her to them alive. 42 The news spread through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord. 43 And Peter stayed a long time in Joppa, living with Simon, a tanner of hides.

Acts Chapter 10
Sickness is a Work of the Devil

34 Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. 35 In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. 36 This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism. 38 And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Acts Chapter 13
When He Saw What Happened, He Became a Believer!

4 So Barnabas and Saul were sent out by the Holy Spirit. They went down to the seaport of Seleucia and then sailed for the island of Cyprus. 5 There, in the town of Salamis, they went to the Jewish synagogues and preached the word of God. John Mark went with them as their assistant. 6 Afterward they traveled from town to town across the entire island until finally they reached Paphos, where they met a
Jewish sorcerer, a false prophet named Bar-Jesus. 7 He had attached himself to the governor, Sergius Paulus, who was an intelligent man. The governor invited Barnabas and Saul to visit him, for he wanted to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas, the sorcerer (as his name means in Greek), interfered and urged the governor to pay no attention to what Barnabas and Saul said. He was trying to keep the governor from believing. 9 Saul, also known as Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he looked the sorcerer in the eye. 10 Then he said, "You son of the devil, full of every sort of deceit and fraud, and enemy of all that is good! Will you never stop perverting the true ways of the Lord? 11 Watch now, for the Lord has laid his hand of punishment upon you, and you will be struck blind. You will not see the sunlight for some time." Instantly mist and darkness came over the man's eyes, and he began groping around begging for someone to take his hand and lead him. 12 When the governor saw what had happened, he became a believer, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord.

Acts Chapter 14
Calling For an Act of Faith

8 While they were at Lystra, Paul and Barnabas came upon a man with crippled feet. He had been that way from birth, so he had never walked. He was sitting 9 and listening as Paul preached. Looking straight at him, Paul realized he had faith to be healed. 10 So Paul called to him in a loud voice, "Stand up." And the man jumped to his feet and started walking.

Acts Chapter 19
The Powerful Effect of a Healing Anointing

11 God gave Paul the power to perform unusual miracles. 12 When handkerchiefs or aprons that had merely touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and evil spirits were expelled. 13 A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, "I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!" 14 Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this. 15 But one time when they tried it, the evil spirit replied, "I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?" 16 Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered. 17 The story of what happened spread quickly all through Ephesus, to Jews and Greeks alike. A solemn fear descended on the city, and the name of the Lord Jesus was greatly honored. 18 Many who became believers confessed their sinful practices. 19 A number of them who had been practicing sorcery brought their incantation books and
burned them at a public bonfire. The value of the books was several million dollars. 20 So the message about the Lord spread widely and had a powerful effect.

Acts Chapter 20
Paul Raises the Dead
7 On the first day of the week, we gathered with the local believers to share in the Lord's Supper. Paul was preaching to them, and since he was leaving the next day, he kept talking until midnight. 8 The upstairs room where we met was lighted with many flickering lamps. 9 As Paul spoke on and on, a young man named Eutychus, sitting on the windowsill, became very drowsy. Finally, he fell sound asleep and dropped three stories to his death below. 10 Paul went down, bent over him, and took him into his arms. "Don't worry," he said, "he's alive!" 11 Then they all went back upstairs, shared in the Lord's Supper, and ate together. Paul continued talking to them until dawn, and then he left. 12 Meanwhile, the young man was taken home unhurt, and everyone was greatly relieved.

Acts Chapter 28
How Paul Healed in Jesus’ Name
7 Near the shore where we landed was an estate belonging to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us and treated us kindly for three days. 8 As it happened, Publius's father was ill with fever and dysentery. Paul went in and prayed for him, and laying his hands on him, he healed him. 9 Then all the other sick people on the island came and were healed. 10 As a result we were showered with honors, and when the time came to sail, people supplied us with everything we would need for the trip.
Chapter 5
BIBLICAL BASIS FOR SUPERNATURAL HEALING

We start our biblical basis for divine healing with all the scripture in the previous chapter, but there is much more! Consider the following:

**His Name!** His name is Jehovah-Rapha, which means "the Lord our healer."

**His Nature!** He is our loving, compassionate heavenly Father.

**His Example!** He healed all who came for healing, no exception.

**His Will!** It is always His will to heal all as well as to save all.

**His Stripes!** By His stripes Jesus suffered that we might be healed.

**His Church!** His church is a healing community.

**His Anointing!** He was anointed to heal.

**His Indwelling Spirit!** His Spirit gives life to the physical body.

**His Apostles!** They all had a ministry of healing and deliverance.

**His Story!** History is His-Story!

Now let us meditate on each of the above:

**His Name** - There are many compound names of God. Jehovah-Jireh, the Lord our provider, Jehovah-Nissi, the Lord our banner, Jehovah- Tsidkenu, the Lord our righteousness, etc. The one we focus on in this study is Jehovah-Rapha, the Lord our healer. To the Hebrews, a name was more than a designation. It carried deeper meaning. The name spoke of the nature of the person, place or thing. When God speaks His name to us, He is giving us a promise. He is telling us who He is and what He will do. We must not take lightly the name Jehovah-Rapha! God is saying to us that He will indeed heal our diseases. Consider the positive confessions made in Psalm 103: " Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. 2 Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. 3 He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. 4 He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. 5 He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's!"
Let us speak out our faith often as the Psalmist has done in the Psalm above! Here is a good one to start with: "Thank you, Father, for forgiving all my sins and healing all my diseases all the time! Jesus heals me now! My hands are clean and my heart is pure by the blood of the Lamb of God who takes away all my sins! Glory to your name! Praise your holy name!"

**His Nature** - Our God is a loving, compassionate Father! Throughout His word, He often invites us to compare the love we have for our children with the love and compassion He has for us as His children. Consider this one in Luke 11:11-13: "You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? 12 Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! 13 So if you sinful people 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."

We are often tempted to think of Jesus going about doing the will of the Father, with only one thought in mind, "I must do the will of Him who sent me." But it went further than that. We read that Jesus was "moved with compassion and healed their sick." Jesus was deeply moved for those who were suffering.

**His Example** - "And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38) Jesus gave us an example that we should do as He did and His example instructs us as to the will of God concerning who was qualified to receive healing from God. We never read even once throughout the entire New Testament that anyone ever came to Jesus for healing who had to go through a time of scrutiny to see if they qualified to be healed! He healed them all out of his heart of compassion!

We read in Luke 4:14, "Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region. 15 He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. 16 When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. 17 The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, 19 and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."
Jesus had the Holy Spirit within him from the time of his birth, but the Holy Spirit did not come upon him until He was baptized by John in the Jordan River. When we receive Jesus as our Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in us, but when we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, He comes upon us! That is the anointing. That is the power to heal the sick! The same power that went out of Jesus and entered into the woman with the issue of blood comes upon us when we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

This is clear from what Jesus promised in Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The word "power" in this verse is the same Greek word (dunamus) used when Jesus said, "I felt power go out of me" in Mark 5 when that power entered that woman's body and stopped her bleeding. That is the power we must have to minister healing to the sick in Jesus' name!

His Will - Jesus came to do the will of His Father. He himself said, "I do always those things that please Him." In light of that truth, we must then examine Jesus' practice in His healing ministry. If He came to do the will of God, His Father, and He always healed all who came to Him for healing, then we must conclude that it is the will of God to heal everyone who comes to Jesus for healing. We often hear people pray, "Father, please heal my friend . . . if it be your will." We need to come to a final conclusion that when we pray for someone's healing, we are always praying accord to the will of God! It is impossible to pray the prayer of faith if we have doubts as to the will of God in the matter. And, remember, James says, "Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven." James could never have used the word, "any" if he felt there were some God wanted to heal and others he did not.

His Stripes - In Isaiah 53:5 we read, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." This is also found in I Peter 2:24, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed." Jesus paid for our healing when he suffered the scourging right before his crucifixion. Notice the two words used in Isaiah and in 2 Peter, "We are healed" and "you were healed." It has already happened. It's done! We were and therefore we are! This is the Abraham kind of faith that Paul talks about in Romans 4:18 "Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to
him, "So shall your offspring be." 19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

We are to call those things that are not yet manifest in our physical bodies as if they already were! We call those things that are not (yet) as though they were! This is not "whistling in the dark." This is the faith of Abraham, the Father of those who believe. As we reaffirm our faith many times a day, calling those things that are not as though they were, we bring them into complete and manifestation in the realm of the physical. The true sense of the word "calling" is "calling forth." We call forth our healing on the basis of the atonement and the sufferings of Christ in our behalf. "By His stripes we have been healed! Thank you, Jesus!

**His Church** - The church, the Body of Christ, it a healing community. Let us read the passage in James 5 in the Amplified bible. "14 Is anyone among you sick? He should call in the church elders (the spiritual guides). And they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Lord's name. 15 And the prayer [that is] of faith will save him who is sick, and the Lord will restore him; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." This all takes place within the fellowship of the saints, the people of God through faith in Jesus. There is healing for God's people by following these simple admonitions. In this passage the elders are the ones called upon to administer the anointing with oil, but this is not the only way God heals. In the final chapter of Mark, we are made to understand that this ministry of healing is for all believers. "17 And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages; 18 They will pick up serpents; and [even] if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well."

**His Anointing** - Jesus operated in the same anointing that he promised to send upon us. "So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, 'Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?' He replied, 'The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'" This strongly implies that telling people about Jesus everywhere requires miracle working power! Not even Jesus commanded the attention of the people without the working of miracles, especially divine healing. They came to hear what he had to say mainly because of the miracles of healing.
Notice that this promise of power was the very last words that Jesus spoke before he ascended into heaven. The subject of the coming of the Holy Spirit "upon" us was also the very first words Paul asked of the Ephesian disciples in Acts 19: 1-7, "While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers. 2 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?' he asked them. "No," they replied, "we haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 "Then what baptism did you experience?" he asked. And they replied, "The baptism of John." 4 Paul said, "John's baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus." 5 As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied. 7 There were about twelve men in all."

Consider the importance Jesus put on this powerful baptism in the Holy Spirit when he spoke the following: "46 And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. 47 It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' 48 You are witnesses of all these things. 49 "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven." In essence, Jesus was saying, Go into all the world and preach this good news to all who will listen, but don't go anywhere until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.

**His Indwelling Spirit** - The Holy Spirit comes to dwell within every believer at the moment he/she receives Jesus as Savior. That is the "within" experience of the Holy Spirit. Jesus walked in the "within" experience for the first 30 years of his life, then the Holy Spirit came "upon" him the day he was baptized in water at the Jordan River.

The Holy Spirit comes upon us to empower us to do the works of Jesus! He often said to his disciples, "The things I am doing, you can do also, and even greater things than these!" We are more like Jesus than we think we are and he was more like us than we think he was! The church, for centuries, has presented Jesus as if he were in a totally different class of being than we are. But he came as a man, born of a woman, born of the Holy Spirit, born under the law, filled with the Spirit, and in every way tempted as we are. He did not operate as God in flesh! He lived and walked as a man who got hungry, thirsty, and tired; a man who was tempted in every way that we all are tempted, but who never sinned. He needed the anointing
of the Holy Spirit as much as we do. Everything he did in his ministry was in the power of the Holy Spirit as a human being and not as God disguised as a man!

There is a special blessing for us in the realm of healing that most have missed. Notice what Paul says in Romans 8:11, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit who dwells in you."

The word, quicken, means to make alive or give life to our physical bodies. This is true about us, but, like all truth, does not effect us till we are taught it, embrace it, confess it, and act upon it. It will be a very good thing for me to confess out loud daily, especially in times of sickness, weakness, infirmity, and disease! "The Spirit of God dwells in me and is giving life, health, strength, energy, and wholeness to my mortal body right now at this very moment! My God forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases all the time, day in and day out! Thank you, Jesus!"

**His Apostles!** - Every apostle Jesus sent out was admonished to make sure he was clothed upon with the power of the Holy Spirit. The word "apostle" means "one sent out." Jesus never asked them to go into all the world naked. He used the word, "clothed upon" as the description of what was happening when the Holy Spirit came upon them. Their ministry, without exception, was patterned after Jesus' ministry. It was a ministry of healing and deliverance and preaching the Kingdom of God, which is the rule of God in the hearts of men, women, youth, and children.

Some are saying, "The day of miracles is over. We have the completed Bible now, so we don't need the supernatural to prove anything anymore." I would remind any who say that of the fact that three fourths of the Bible was already written when Jesus and his apostles were ministering in miracles, signs, and wonders. You may say that was before the crucifixion and the entrance into the new economy of the New Covenant. But the early church prayed for miracles, signs and wonders, especially healings, and God answered their prayer! The book of Acts is filled with the same kind of miracles that were happening in the ministry of Jesus, and they were being performed by the followers of Jesus!

**His Story** - History is His Story, the story of Jesus! About a hundred years ago, the reference work, The Historian's History of the World observed: "The historical result of Jesus' activities was more momentous, even from a strictly secular standpoint, than the deeds of any other character of history. A new era, recognized by the chief civilizations of the world, dates from his birth." In our day, interest in Jesus is growing in intensity, all over the world!
A few years ago, the prominent U.S. news magazines Time, Newsweek, and U.S. News and World Report all featured cover stories about Jesus at the same time. The Toronto Star, in 2004 noted that "His spirit is alive in movies, music and fashion. He has made it into our pantheon of heroes."

The heading of a Wall Street Journal editorial in December 2002 stated; "Science Cannot Ignore Jesus." Its writer concluded, "Most scholars, barring the stray atheist, have already accepted Jesus of Nazareth as a historical person."

But Jesus was much more than just a historical person. "It would require much exotic calculation," TIME Magazine reported, "to deny that the single most powerful figure—not merely in these two millennia, but in all human history—has been Jesus of Nazareth." It added; "A serious argument can be made that no one else's life has proved remotely as powerful and enduring as that if Jesus."

Over the centuries the book of Acts has continued to be written. And over the years multitudes of people have been healed through the prayer of faith, through the written word, and through the word of command given in Jesus' name!

Jesus is still alive! He is very much alive and active in all his followers! Paul said, "I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I but the grace of God in me." He also said, "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. He does the works."

The purpose of the School of Healing and Deliverance is to equip the saints to do the works of Jesus and the primary work of Jesus was and is the healing sickness and disease in the power of the Holy Spirit!
Chapter 6
THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE

Faith not only comes by hearing, it also comes by seeing! When we see miracles take place in our lives and in the lives of those close to us, faith springs alive in your innermost being!

I want to share a few of the healings that have taken place in my life and ministry since I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The First Time I Ministered Healing in Jesus' Name

It began one day when my telephone rang. It was Mrs. Curry, a member of my church. "Pastor Fitts, I'm terribly worried about my mother! She has diabetes, and a heart condition. She is suffering with chills and fever. She goes to the hospital tomorrow for a series of tests. I'm afraid she'll never come back from the hospital. Will you please go and pray for her?"

I assured her that I would and hung up the phone. I bowed and prayed: "Lord, here's an opportunity to show your healing power." I prayed Acts 4:28-30 over and over as I drove to the address of Mrs. Curry's elderly mother, Mrs. Baker.

"And now, Lord, grant unto your servants that with all boldness we may speak your Word, by stretching forth your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done in the name of your Holy Servant, Jesus." (Acts 4:28-30)

As pastor of a Baptist church, I had come to the conclusion that some people will never believe in Jesus unless they see evidence that He is alive and I had finally come to the point to be willing to lay everything on the line to prove in my own life and ministry that God is still a miracle-working God. I was fully persuaded that if the Apostles and early believers needed miracles to confirm the words they preached and taught, I needed them too! There is as much doubt, skepticism, intellectualism and unbelief in the world today as there was in their day. The word "confirm" means "to bring proof to a matter and to erase all doubt."

When I arrived at the home of Mrs. Baker, she was sitting in a rocking chair covered from head to foot with blankets to keep her warm. She was suffering a chill. I sat and talked with her for a few minutes and then I read to her Mark 16:18, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." I also read James 5:16, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up."
I had often prayed for the sick, but it was, in most cases, simply a verbal agreement that God is able to heal a person if it is his will. Or sometimes I would pray that God would grant patience to the sick person and a willingness to suffer for God's glory. At other times I would pray that God would grant skill and knowledge to the doctors and nurses. Or I might pray for the medicine to work or the surgery, or the therapy. At best, my prayers had been a strong crying to God to heal and in some cases I did see my prayers answered, thank God!

But this was different. I was going to lay hands on Mrs. Baker and believe God's word of promise, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover! and the Lord shall raise him up."

When it came time to pray I still didn't have the boldness to lay my hands on this lady, so I prayed standing behind her chair and holding my hands an inch or two above her head, claiming by faith the promises I had read to her from the Bible. Then I thanked God for the answer. I felt nothing and as far as I knew, she felt nothing. I assured her that God would answer our prayer, then I left.

The next morning my phone rang early. It was Mrs. Bakers' daughter and she was excited! "Brother Fitts, my mother slept warm last night for the first time in weeks and she didn't even have to get up and get her nightly medicines. Pray that the doctors will notice an improvement today when she goes in to be examined. She told me that when you prayed for her, she felt a warmth go all through her body. It started from her head and went all the way to her feet. She felt warm all over."

At that, she began to praise the Lord and we both thanked Him for His Word of promise and for the touch her mother felt in her body the day before. The next day the doctors did notice an improvement and it wasn't long before this dear lady was able to be up cooking and doing her housework again. This was the beginning of many remarkable and miraculous events that kept occurring as I continued to walk and pray in the Spirit. I felt as if I were walking on the water like Peter.

Divine Healing Works Along with Other Spiritual Gifts

Soon after I received the anointing to heal, I started to meet every Saturday at 6 A.M. in my church with those who had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and wanted to be in a charismatic prayer group where the gifts of the Spirit are welcomed.

One Saturday morning as we were praying, I felt strongly impressed that there was someone present with pain in his body and that God would heal it if we prayed in
faith. I was very hesitant to speak up and tell what I felt in my heart. I didn't know if this was my imagination or if it was a "word of knowledge" from the Lord, but I felt strongly that this impression was from God and that I should speak it out. So with fear and trembling I said, "There's someone here with pain in your body, or you know of someone who is in pain. God will heal this pain if we will pray and believe."

I added the part, "or you know of someone in pain", just to broaden the possibilities and give me a better margin for error. How careful we are to try to protect our image! I waited to see if one of the men present was in pain. There were only four of us present and it wasn't me.

One of the men finally said, "It's me. I have a stomach ulcer and it is burning like fire this morning." I felt a huge sense of relief! "Thank you, Lord," I prayed silently. "It was you after all! Please forgive my doubts."

We laid hands on him and prayed, claiming the promise that, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." (Mark 16:18) The pain left immediately and several months later this brother was still telling others how God healed him in that Saturday morning prayer meeting!

Will God Even Heal Warts?

One night I told my story of how I came into the baptism of the Holy Spirit in Trinity Missionary Church in a neighboring town. Pastor John Amstutz had been a great help to me in the things of the Spirit. I shared some miracles that had happened since I started moving in the gifts of the Spirit. I told of praying for my eight-year old daughter, Melanie, who had a painful wart on the bottom of her foot. We had to take her to the doctor only a few weeks before to have it cut out.

One day she said, "Dad, I have a wart on my other foot now." Knowing by experience the power of God to heal, I just laid my hands on the wart and commanded it to dry up in the name of Jesus. A few days later Melanie said, "Dad, do you remember that wart on the bottom of my foot that we prayed for?"

"Yes, I do"

She smiled and said, "It's gone!"

We rejoiced and thanked Jesus for again stretching forth His hand to heal.
After I shared Melanie's healing at Trinity Missionary Church, Mary Ann Bryant, a young college student came up to me and asked me to pray for her foot. She had a large cluster of painful planter warts which had been on her foot for a long time. Her pastor and I laid hands on her head and prayed the prayer of faith and the next time I saw her she smiled radiantly and said, "Mr. Fitts, my warts are starting to go away!" I was a bit disappointed that she didn't say, "They're gone!" But I was learning that God didn't always heal instantly in answer to prayer. Mark 16:18 says, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Recovery is often a process. For the next few weeks, every time I would see Mary Ann she would report progress. Then one day she took off her shoe and showed me the bottom of her foot. It was perfectly smooth. Not one wart remained! Thank you, Jesus!

**A Baby is Healed Instantly . . . Long Distance!**

One Friday night I was teaching in a home prayer group when the phone rang. The hostess left the room to answer the phone and in a few minutes she returned with an urgent prayer request. "That was my father," she said. "One of his employees has a nine month old daughter who is right now in the hospital with a very high temperature. The doctors say she will not survive much longer unless the fever breaks."

We immediately gathered in a circle. The hostess sat in a chair in the middle of the circle. We had her to "sit in" as an intercessor and we all laid hands on her in behalf of the sick baby. Just before we prayed, I felt impressed to check my watch to see what time it was. I said to the group, "It is exactly 9:15 p.m. Let's believe God for His healing touch right now!" We prayed and rebuked the fever in the Name of Jesus. The next day I received a call from the hostess. "Did you hear what happened last night?" she asked. "No, I didn't. What happened?" From her excitement and tone of voice, I felt I really did know what had happened!

She said, "I received word from the hospital this morning that last night at 9:15 the fever broke and began to subside. By 9:30 her temperature had returned to normal. The nurses were so surprised that they had to check and re-check several times before they would believe it."

The mother and father of the baby came to our Prayer Group the following Friday night and brought their baby. They had heard that we had prayed for her and wanted us to all have the joy of seeing our answered prayer. She was indeed a beautiful little baby girl! I was beginning to see the prayer of Acts 4:29-30
answered and I was thrilled! Miracles were beginning to happen in all areas of my life, not only in healing.

An Anointed Kleenex

Some time later I was ministering in Hermosillo, Mexico. I was teaching a mid-morning class on divine healing. It was a ladies group. I gave several instances of how we had seen many healings by laying hands on handkerchiefs or napkins or Kleenex and sending them out to be placed on the sick for healing. This teaching was based on the passage found in Acts 19:11 "God gave Paul the power to perform unusual miracles. 12 When handkerchiefs or aprons that had merely touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and evil spirits were expelled."

As I shared some of these stories, the ladies asked if I would anoint some Kleenex so they could take them to family and friends who were sick. Almost everyone present took one or more when they left the meeting that morning. I completed my week of ministry and left for home in the USA.

It was more than a year before I returned to minister again in this particular church in Hermosillo. One evening while the pastor and I were having dinner at a local restaurant. We were talking about divine healing and some of the amazing healings we were witnessing. He said, "Robert, did you ever hear the testimony of Doctor Cortez?"

"No, I have not heard about that. Who is he?"

"Do you remember when you prayed over those Kleenex and gave them out to the ladies a year or so ago?" Now I was getting excited!

"0, yes, I do remember that, but I haven't heard any reports of what happened."

"Well", he said, "One of the ladies took a Kleenex home to bring healing to her son who had a rash on one arm that would just not go away no matter what kind of treatment they gave him, and his dad is a medical doctor. She went home and put the Kleenex on their son's arm and in a few days the rash was gone, a rash that for months had resisted every treatment they knew of.

"His father, the doctor, was not a believer, so he reasoned that it was just a coincidence. A few weeks later he slipped and fell on the stairs going down from his room on his way to his office, breaking his tail bone! The pain was almost
unbearable and eventually he found himself completely immobilized, spending a lot of time in bed at home. This went on for weeks.

One day he said to his wife, "Honey, do you still have that Kleenex that is supposed to bring healing to the sick?"

"Yes, I do! Do you want to apply it to your injury?" She was excited that he was showing a change of heart. They applied the anointed Kleenex and within a very short time he was completely healed! This medical doctor then became a Christian and a very excited one at that! He became a witness all over the city of Hermosillo, Mexico to anyone who would listen!

I could recount many stories similar to this one where we sent out these anointed clothes, similar to the work of Paul in Ephesus. The following chapter will clarify that this is not some kind of magic, but rather the biblical outworking of what is called, the anointing.
Chapter 7
ANOINTED TO HEAL

"Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses." (Deut. 34:9)

It is significant that the only reason given as to why Joshua was filled with wisdom was, "because Moses had laid his hands on him." This is known as, impartation. Paul mentioned it when he wrote to the Corinthians and said, "For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end you may be established" (Rom. 1:11)

A Very Strong Anointing!
"Once when some Israelites were burying a man, they spied a band of these raiders. So they hastily threw the corpse into the tomb of Elisha and fled. But as soon as the body touched Elisha's bones, the dead man revived and jumped to his feet!" (II Kings 13:21)

It is necessary to look at the background of this man who had such an unusual anointing! It is found in II Kings chapter 2:1-14 as follows:

"Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. The Lord was going to use a strong wind to take Elijah up to heaven. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here. The Lord has sent me to Bethel. But Elisha said, "I won't leave you. And that's just as sure as the Lord and you are alive." So they went down to Bethel. 3 There was a company of prophets at Bethel. They came out to where Elisha was. They asked him, "Do you know what the Lord is going to do? He's going to take your master away from you today." "Yes, I know," Elisha replied. "But don't talk about it." 4 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha. The Lord has sent me to Jericho." Elisha replied, "I won't leave you. And that's just as sure as the Lord and you are alive." So they went to Jericho. 5 There was a company of Prophets at Jericho. They went up to where Elisha was. They asked him, "Do you know what the Lord is going to do? He's going to take your master away from you today." "Yes, I know," Elisha replied. "But don't talk about it." 6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here. The Lord has sent me to the Jordan River." Elisha replied, "I won't leave you. And that's just as sure as the Lord and you are alive." So the two of them walked on. 7 Fifty men from the company of the prophets followed them. The men stopped and stood not far away from them. They faced the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan River. 8 Elijah rolled his coat up. Then he struck the water with it. The water parted to the right
and to the left. The two of them went across the river on dry ground. After they had gone across, Elijah spoke to Elisha. He said, "Tell me. What can I do for you before I'm taken away from you?"

"Please give me a double share of your spirit," Elisha replied. "You have asked me for something I can't give you," Elijah said. "Only the Lord can give it. But suppose you see me when I'm taken away from you. Then you will receive what you have asked for. If you don't see me, you won't receive it." 11 They kept walking along and talking together. Suddenly a chariot and horses appeared. Fire was all around them. The chariot and horses came between the two men. Then Elijah went up to heaven in a strong wind. 12 Elisha saw it. He cried out to Elijah^ "My father! You are like a father to me! You are the true chariots and horsemen of Israel! " Elisha didn't see Elijah anymore. Then Elisha took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart. 13 He picked up the coat that had fallen from Elijah. He went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan River. 14 Then he struck the water with Elijah's coat. "Where is the power of the Lord?" he asked. "Where is the power of the God of Elijah?" When Elisha struck the water, it parted to the right and to the left. He went across the river."

In the above passage we see the zeal of the Lord that was upon Elisha driving him to such persistent pursuit to obtain "a double portion of the spirit of Elijah." He performed twice as many miracles during his lifetime as Elijah did, so he must have received that "double portion" that he was seeking. That is the anointing!

**Who touched me?**

Mark 5:24 “Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. 25 A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. 26 She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. 27 She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. 28 For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." 29 Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. 30 Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?" 31 His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'" 32 But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. 34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over."
When this sick woman touched Jesus robe, she felt something and Jesus felt something. Jesus felt power go out of him and the woman felt power enter her and heal her of her bleeding. That is the anointing! The anointing is a tangible substance! It is something! It is not just a concept, or a thought, or a principle. It is healing power that is released from one person to another.

**Anointed Hands Heal the Sick**

Mark 16:15 “And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. 16 Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. 17 These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. 18 They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."

The same substance that went out of Jesus and entered that bleeding woman is resident in every spirit filled believer. When we lay hands on the sick, that power goes out of us into them and drives out demons, sickness and disease, all in the name of Jesus! "In the name of Jesus" means "in the place of Jesus" or "in Jesus' stead" or "with Jesus' authority." We are "ambassadors of Christ." That means we carry his name and His authority. We represent Jesus in all his power and authority. The word, "represent" simply means to "re-present." As we go forth to heal the sick in Jesus' name we re-present Jesus again to this world in all its needs!

**Healing is Imparted by Touching the Anointing!**

17 When they came down from the mountain, the disciples stood with Jesus on a large, level area, surrounded by many of his followers and by the crowds. There were people from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from as far north as the sea coasts of Tyre and Sidon.18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those troubled by evil spirits were healed. 19 Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, and he healed everyone. (Mark 17-19) That healing power is called the anointing! We receive that anointing when we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
Chapter 8
HOW TO RECEIVE AN ANOINTING TO HEAL

For those who have not yet received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, the following is an explanation of how to receive it by faith. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a definite experience in which the Holy Spirit, who is already dwelling within the believer, comes upon him to anoint and empower him for supernatural service. This baptism is administered by Jesus and is received by faith. It is the same transforming event the disciples experienced on the day of Pentecost. It is followed by manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit being released in the life of the individual, and is given for the purpose of exalting Jesus Christ in the life and service of the believer.

In order to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit it is important to understand the following:

First: It is promised to every believer.
"The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2: 39) From the context of this verse it is clear that the promise refers to the Baptism of the Spirit.

Second: It is a gift.
We do not have to beg for it. We cannot work for it. We cannot make ourselves good enough to receive it. We must receive it like we would receive any gift. We just take it by simple faith, and thank God for it. After we receive it by faith we will begin to experience it.

Third: It is administered by Jesus himself.
"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.'" (Luke 3:16)

The church baptizes in water all who receive Jesus. (Mt. 28:19-20) The Holy Spirit baptizes into the Body of Christ all who receive Jesus. (I Cor. 12:13) And Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire all who ask in faith, believing. (Luke 3:16)

In Acts 1:4 Jesus emphasized the importance of being baptized in the Holy Spirit: "On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be
baptized with the Holy Spirit." Ten days later they all received the fulfillment of that promise: "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." (Acts 2:1-4)

We receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit the moment we receive Jesus as Savior. But the infilling is different from the indwelling. Jesus had the indwelling of the Holy Spirit from the day of his birth. He was Spirit-born in the womb of Mary, but he was not Spirit-filled until the day he was baptized by John in the Jordan at the age of thirty: "Then John gave this testimony: 'I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'" (John 1:32-33)

The Spirit of God in me makes me a Christian. The Spirit of God upon me makes me a Spirit-filled Christian. Jesus had the Holy Spirit in him from birth, and after he was filled with the Spirit at the age of thirty, he had the Holy Spirit upon him. Jesus did not do even one miracle until after the Holy Spirit came upon him, when he was baptized in the Jordan. As it was with Jesus, so it is with us. The baptism in the Holy Spirit releases us into the realm of miracles through gifts of the Spirit. All the miracles Jesus performed occurred as he exercised the gifts of the Spirit. He did not live and minister as God in the flesh. He lived and ministered as a man, born of a woman, born of the Spirit and filled with the Spirit. Because of that, he expects us to live and minister the same way he did... in the power of the Spirit, through the gifts of the Spirit.

In Acts chapter eight the Samaritans had been baptized in water after having believed in Jesus, and yet they did not receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit until Peter and John laid their hands on them and prayed for the Spirit to come upon them in power. Receiving salvation and receiving the infilling of the Holy Spirit are not the same experience. The gift of the Spirit and the gift of eternal life are two different gifts. Paul received Jesus on the road to Damascus. He often referred to the Damascus Road experience as his conversion experience. However, he did not receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit until three days later when Ananias laid his hands on him and said: "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Paul received Jesus on the road to Damascus and in so doing
he received the gift of eternal life. Three days later in the city of Damascus, he received the gift of the Holy Spirit (this expression is synonymous with the baptism in the Holy Spirit. See Acts 1:4.

Also in Acts 19:1-7 it is clear that these disciples in Ephesus had not received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit although they were believers and were called "disciples." If one receives the fullness of the Holy Spirit automatically when he/she receives Jesus, Paul would never have asked these believers if they had received this blessing. When Paul discovered they had not yet been filled with the Holy Spirit, he first baptized them all in water in the name of Jesus. Then he ministered the Baptism in the Holy Spirit to them: "When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied." (Acts 19:6) This is another clear example of the difference between receiving Jesus as Savior and receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Fourth: It is God's will for you to receive it.

We know it is the will of God that we be filled with the Holy Spirit, for he commands us to be filled: "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit." (Eph. 5:18) When you pray for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, you know that you are asking according to the will of God. Therefore, you can know that God will hear and answer your prayer. So ask, believing that you will receive the moment you ask! Meditate on I John 5:14-15: "This is the assurance we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have received what we asked of him." After you pray, begin to thank him that he has heard your prayer and that you have received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Receive it by faith! It is not enough to pray for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Some pray for years and do not receive it because they do not lay hold on it by faith and thank God for it. Pray the following prayer sincerely from your heart and receive it by faith now: Jesus, I do acknowledge you as my Lord and Savior. I thank you that you died on the cross to pay for all my sins. Now, I ask you to fill me with your Holy Spirit. Thank you that you have heard my prayer and that you are now filling me with the Holy Spirit. I receive it by faith right now. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

Do not seek to have an emotional experience. The Bible says: "The just shall live by faith." (Hebrews 10:38) God wants you to take it by faith. Feelings will come, but leave that in the hands of the Lord. You do your part and he will do his. Feelings are beautiful and good, but we do wrong when we seek to create an
emotional experience ourselves. God will give you overwhelming experiences, but let him bring you into that. Your part is to trust his word!

And now, as an expression of your faith that God has heard and answered your prayer, just begin to praise the Lord, but not in your own language. The experience of the apostles on the day of Pentecost can be yours, too. Simply open your mouth and begin to praise God and trust him for a language unknown to you, a language of the Spirit that is perfect praise to God. I encourage you to do this for several reasons: You are offering perfect praise to God in the Spirit. You are cooperating with God in a miracle. As you begin to speak, the Spirit will give you utterance, (see Acts 2:4) It will be a means of personal edification to you.

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit will bring many changes into your life: Jesus will become more real and personal to you. You will have a greater desire to read the Word of God. You will feel more love for others flowing through your life. You will begin to experience miracles. You will begin to minister to others in the power of the Holy Spirit. You will have a new power in witnessing for Him. You will be used in spiritual gifts, (see I Corinthians 12 and Romans 12)

In the original language, the admonition of Ephesians 5:18 says, "Keep on getting filled with the Holy Spirit!" Do not to rely upon a one-time experience. Receive a fresh infilling of the Spirit on a daily basis.
Chapter 9
STOP PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Several years ago I was on the phone with Jim Eubank, a close friend, and he said, "Before you hang up, Bob, did you know that Jesus never prayed for the sick?" I said, "What do you mean?" He said, "Search it out!"

I searched all through the gospels and the book of Acts and I did not find one place where Jesus or the apostles or the early church ever prayed for the sick. There is one place in James 5 where the elders are to pray for the sick, but even in that passage it specifies that it is to be "the prayer of faith!" "The prayer of faith will heal the sick." This is more of a pronouncement of healing rather than a plea for God to heal someone, "Father, heal if it be your will . . . " There is no "if" in the prayer of faith!

In our School of Healing and Deliverance I admonish those who come for the training to stop praying for the sick for at least an entire year. Of course it is not wrong to pray for the sick, for it is not wrong to pray for anything that is the will of God to give us. But too much prayer is pleading with God in doubt rather than praying the prayer of faith. Let's just take the promise in I John 5:14-15 and base our request on that verse and it would be entirely biblical and correct for we know it is the will of God to heal the sick. It says, "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him." That promise is the best one in the Bible upon which to base the prayer of faith!

But we are seeking to come into another level of effectiveness in divine healing by taking our position of authority that we have been given and begin speaking to the sickness and commanding it to go in Jesus' name! We cannot go wrong by doing it just like Jesus and the apostles did it!

We are determined to stop asking God to do something he has commanded us to do. Jesus said to his disciples in effect, "You go and preach! You cast out demons! You raise the dead, and you heal the sick in my name and with my authority!" The "You" is implied in each command. They were not to pray and ask God to preach the gospel, or to cast out demons, or to raise the dead, or to heal the sick. This was something Jesus gave them full authority to do. They were to do it just like their Teacher was doing it and with His authority. We will surely see more people healed when we begin to speak the word of authority over the sick like Jesus and the apostles did!
In ourselves, we are nothing, and in ourselves we can do nothing. But now that we are "in Christ Jesus" we are brought into a different realm! We have no authority in ourselves, but in Christ, our exalted position, we have been given the same level of authority as Christ himself. "And God has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." (Eph. 2:6) So let us remember where we are seated! We are seated with Jesus in his throne! We have "Throne Rights!" We have been given the "keys of the Kingdom!" Whatever we bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever we loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. We are indeed Destined for the Throne and that is where we are seated NOW! We do not wait till we get to heaven. We are to use our delegated authority here and now! "You are complete in him who is the head of all principality and power." (Col. 2:10) Consider the following instances where Jesus used his authority:

**Jesus commanded a man with leprosy to be clean.**

"When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.' And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I will; be clean.' And immediately his leprosy was cleansed." (Mt. 8:1-3) ESV

**He told a paralyzed man to take up his bed, and go home.**

"And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.' And behold, some of the scribes said to them selves, 'This man is blaspheming.' But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, 'Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins—he then said to the paralytic—'Rise, pick up your bed and go home.' And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men." (Mt. 9:1-8) ESV

**He commanded a deaf man’s ears to be opened.**

"Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to
him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly." (Mk. 7:31-35) ESV

**He commanded evil spirits to leave tormented people.**

"Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. And when the man tormented by a demon saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.' For Jesus was saying to him, 'Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!' And Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' He replied, 'My name is Legion, for we are many.' And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him, saying, 'Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.' So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered the pigs, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea." (Mk. 5:5-15) ESV

**He commanded a blind man to receive his sight!**

"As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' And he cried out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me recover my sight.' and Jesus said to him, 'Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.'" (Luke 18:35-42) ESV

**He spoke healing to a woman bent over for 18 years.**

"Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, 'Woman, you are freed from your disability.' And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God." (Lk. 13:10-13) ESV
He spoke life to a widow’s dead son!

"Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, arise.' And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has arisen among us!' and 'God has visited his people!' And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country." (Luke 7:11-17) ESV

He spoke healing to a man with a withered hand!

"He went on from there and entered their synagogue. And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, 'Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?'— so that they might accuse him. He said to them, 'Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.' Then he said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other." (Mt. 12:9-13) ESV

He commanded a dead girl to get up!

"While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler’s house some who said, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, 'Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha cumi,' which means, 'Little girl, I say to you, arise.' And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat." (Mark 5:35-43) ESV
He commanded a dead man to come out of his tomb!

"Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'" (John 11:38-44) ESV

He rebuked a storm!

"And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, 'Save us, Lord; we are perishing.' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?' Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him? '" (Mt. 8:23-27) ESV

He rebuked the fever in Peter's wife's mother!

"And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them." (Luke 4:38-39) ESV

He rebuked a fig tree and commanded it to die!

"In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, 'May no fruit ever come from you again!' And the fig tree withered at once." (Mt. 21:18-19) ESV

In all the above instances, Jesus addressed the person or the situation directly with divine authority. Some might assume that this was something only Jesus could do. But the records we have of the healing done by the early disciples of Jesus show that Jesus gave them his authority and taught them to do as he was doing. He
modeled the healing ministry before their eyes and expected them to go and do it just like he was doing it!

"Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness." (Matthew 10:1) Jesus was given authority from his Father, and he gave that authority to his disciples. There is no indication in the New Testament that this authority was withdrawn by the Father from the followers of Jesus. In John 14:12 Jesus tells his disciples that they will do the same things he is doing and even greater works than his. Though we (like the early disciples) do not always see the same results Jesus saw, we are bold to move forward to obey Jesus' command and to learn to use the authority given us to carry on the works Jesus started. The following are some examples of Jesus' followers healing the sick in Jesus' name.

**Peter told a lame man to stand up and walk in Jesus' name!**

"Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, 'I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!' And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God." (Acts 3:1-8) ESV

**Peter spoke healing to a paralyzed man!**

"Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, 'Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.' And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord." (Acts 9:32-35) ESV

**Peter commanded a dead woman to get up!**

"Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since
Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, 'Tabitha, arise.' And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord." (Acts 9:36-42) ESV

Paul, commanded a crippled man to stand up!

"Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, said in a loud voice, 'Stand upright on your feet.' And he sprang up and began walking." (Acts 14:8-10) ESV

Paul commanded a demon to come out of a young girl!

"As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and us, crying out, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.' And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour." (Acts 16:16-19) ESV

Paul pronounced blindness on an adversary to the gospel.

"When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, 'You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time.' Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. Then the"
proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord." (Acts 13:6:12) ESV

Over the years as I have taught believers to stop praying for the sick and start using their spiritual authority I have found that it is very, very difficult erasing old habits. It is certainly okay to begin your healing session with prayer, but after you pray, give thanks to God for your authority in the spirit realm in the name of Jesus and speak the command of faith to the sick and expect them to be healed. Lay your hand on the sick and speak out Jesus' prophecy that, "I will lay hands on the sick and they will get well." You may be surprised at how many more people will indeed get well!
Chapter 10
YOUR FAITH WILL HEAL YOU

The purpose of this chapter is to bring healing to you who read this chapter, while you are reading this chapter! There are many ways faith comes to receive healing. Speaking out loud the promises of God regarding physical healing is one powerful way to bring forth healing!

Healing can come through medicine, surgery, therapy, home remedies, fasting, and other means. No matter how it comes, give God the praise for it, because He is God of the natural as well as the supernatural. He is God of miracle healing, and he is God of natural healing. Every good and perfect gift comes from the hand of our Father in heaven. He designed our bodies to heal themselves and they will, in most cases when given proper care and maintenance.

The most powerful healing therapy of all is fasting. When we fast, we give the body a full release from the work of digesting food in order to give itself completely to cleansing the temple and bringing back normal function to every cell of your body. It has been said by medical men that a "water only fast" is the closest thing to a "panacea." (cure all)

Throughout the pages of the New Testament Jesus speaks to his disciples about their faith, using words such as "your faith," "his faith," or "their faith." At times he would ask, "Where is your faith?" or "Why is it that you have no faith?"

Jesus also spoke of "little faith," "great faith," and "so great faith." In Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians he says, "Your faith is growing exceedingly."

The following are some of the passages that point out the tremendous importance of nurturing our faith: To the centurion who came asking Jesus for help for his servant, Jesus said, "I will go and heal him." The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed." When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith." (Matthew. 8:5-13)

A Canaanite woman came to Jesus seeking healing for her tormented daughter. After she persisted in the face of one rebuff after another, Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great Faith! Your request is granted." Her daughter was healed from that very hour. (Matthew. 15:21-28)
Four men brought their sick friend to a house where Jesus was ministering healing to the people gathered there. When Jesus saw their faith he spoke the word of healing to the sick man, saying, "Take up your bed and walk." (Mk. 2:5) It was the faith of the four men that brought healing to their friend.

Another proof that your faith will heal you is found in (Matthew. 9:20-22) "Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.' Jesus turned and saw her. Take heart, daughter,' he said, 'Your faith has healed you.'"

Blind Bartimaeus cried out to Jesus as he passed by, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you. "Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "Your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road." (Mk. 10:46-52)

In the short letter written by Jude, we are admonished to build up our faith ourselves by praying in our heavenly language. "You, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit." (Jude 20) According to this verse we have a God given responsibility to build up our faith. It is the purpose of this book to help you obey that admonition. As you read these pages with an open mind, your faith for healing will grow.

My faith is something that actually becomes my own possession. It is mine. It is a gift from God. It belongs to me and I am responsible for the way I watch over it and take care of it.

The spiritual truths contained in this book will increase your faith for healing to the point that you will be able to receive your healing by faith. Read it with the full understanding that the things you are reading will bring forth faith, and your faith will bring forth your healing.

In Hebrews 11:1 we read that "faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." If we can see it, we cannot exercise faith for it because faith operates in the realm of things that are not yet seen. You can receive your
healing by faith before, but not after you see or feel the changes taking place in your body.

In Mark 11:22-24 Jesus says, "Have faith in God ... I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will come to you."

The faith that makes things happen comes to us as we hear or read or speak out the promises of God. As you read this book, you will find your faith growing. As you continue to feed your faith on the promises of God concerning divine healing, the miracle of healing will come.

For years I struggled to feel saved and felt nothing. But when I took God's forgiveness by faith, then a peaceful rest came to me and an assurance that I was a born-again Christian! That was the feeling I had been waiting for!

Some time later I began another struggle that lasted for over five years. I fasted, I prayed, I agonized, I tarried, I read books, I attended meetings, I was prayed over — with no results. I was seeking to experience the baptism in the Holy Spirit just as I had sought salvation, the wrong way! I just could not believe I had it until I felt it. I thought that would be presumption. Then one day I was reading a book on how to receive the fullness of the Spirit. The author made a simple statement that brought light into my darkness. He said, "Just as you received the forgiveness of sins as a gift from the hands of a dying Savior, by faith, you can also receive the full blessing of Pentecost from the hands of a living Savior, by faith!" He said, "My battle ax is Galatians 3:14, That we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

When I read that brief paragraph, a light was turned on in my spirit. I said, "Now I know how to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit! I can take it by faith just like I took salvation by faith. I don't have to wait until I feel something or hear something, or shake or quake, or speak in tongues.

That very day I stopped pleading with God to fill me with His Spirit and I reached out and took that blessing by faith, then I said, "Thank you Jesus! I have it NOW!"

I didn't feel a thing, but by faith I knew I had received it and that was good enough for me! Two or three days later I began to experience miracles in my life. And I did speak in tongues for the first time in my life. I have been speaking in
tongues almost everyday since then. The experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit has been growing since that day over fifty years ago. I had learned a secret; first faith, then feeling! Faith comes first . . . feelings come later. Since then I have learned that you can have faith and feelings at the same time, so long as you get them in the right order!

But the hardest struggle of all has been to learn to apply the same laws of faith in the area of physical healing. How could I claim I was healed when the painful symptoms still persisted? Isn't it hypocrisy to say, "By His stripes I am healed" as if I am already healed, when nothing has changed in my physical condition? Actually, we are standing on solid biblical ground to make such an affirmation! It was said of Abraham, the father of the faith, "Against all hope, Abraham, in hope believed and became the father of many nations." In the same passage it says, "God gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were. (Romans 4:16-21) So if I call things that are not as though they were, especially if I have a promise to back it up like Abraham did, I am in good company doing a good thing that will bring forth good results!

For more than 50 years I have studied the Word of God and read the works of men and women of God who have been used to bring healing to multitudes. I can say today that I have as strong a biblical ground to believe I am healed as I do to believe I am saved. And since I can be saved by faith alone, I can be healed by faith alone. This faith is simply a deep settled confidence that it is the will of God and the oft repeated promise of God to heal my body when I get sick.

Does God want to save everyone? Of this there is no doubt. John 3:16 says, "Whosoever believes shall have eternal life." The word "whosoever" makes the promise universal. It means everybody! There are several very specific verses of scripture that clearly show that God promises healing to everyone who believes just as He promises salvation to all who believe. Consider the follow:

"Is any sick among you? 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 and the prayer of faith shall heal the sick and the Lord shall raise him up." (James 5:14-15.) The word "any" means anyone and every one is invited to be healed just as "Whosoever" in John 3:16 invites all to believe on Jesus and be saved.

In the book of Numbers, chapter 21, the people of Israel were being bitten by poisonous snakes. "The Lord said to Moses, 'make a bronze snake and put it up on a pole so every one in the camp can see it; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.' So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when
anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived." Notice that word, "anyone." It is just as all-inclusive as the word "whosoever" in John 3:16! It is the will of God to heal all who come to Jesus for healing.

In Mark 16:15-18. Jesus sends out all believers to share the good news with everyone, and he says, "These signs will follow those who believe: in my name they will . . . lay hands on the sick and they will get well." Since the gospel is for everyone, then laying hands on the sick is also for everyone. It is the will of God to save everyone who is lost and it is the will of God to heal everyone who is sick!

If you are suffering under the power of some sickness, I have good news for you! Jesus has suffered for your sicknesses and has carried your diseases away! Will you receive him now as your Healer, by faith? Take your healing by faith by putting your name in any one of the above verses that tell us our sins are forgiven and our sicknesses have been healed. Your healing will surely come to you as you hold steady in your confession of faith till you see the mountain cast into the sea. God gives by promise, but we must take it by faith. Do the following five things concerning the good news about divine healing: **Hear it! Receive it! Believe it! Confess it! Act on it!** Begin to act like you are healed after you have done the first four.

There's a miracle in your mouth! Speak it out and keep on speaking it out till the mountain moves into the sea! Begin now by speaking out loud the following affirmation of faith and speak it out daily till your healing comes is perfected.

"**In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, The Son of God, I decree by the Word of God that I am free, that I am healed and that Satan cannot put sickness or disease on me because Jesus bore my sicknesses in His body, so I do not have to bear them any longer. I am free because Jesus' proclamation of liberty has set me free."**
Chapter 11
THE HEALING OF A THIRD GRADE TEACHER

One of the most powerful faith-building stories I have ever read concerning supernatural healing through faith is the story of Marilyn Ludolf published in Guideposts Magazine in April, 1998. The following is her story in her own words:

I woke up with the same tormenting headache I had gone to bed with, and struggled to the bathroom. I grasped the sink with both hands and reluctantly raised my pounding head to the mirror. The face reflected in the glass was a fiery red mask of tiny bumps and large acne-like sores. Hundreds of them, the horrible rash covered my face like the Egyptian plague of boils in the Bible.

The unending headache and rash comprised the mysterious condition I had lived with for 12 long, unbearable years. Here I was, a middle-aged woman with two teenage sons and a husband, and I could hardly bear to raise my head and look in the mirror.

Tears blurred my eyes as I tried to remember the smooth, milk-white complexion I used to have. My fingers twitched, longing to claw at the fiercely itching skin on my face.

I had tried everything—special diets, oatmeal soap, baby oil, vitamins and enough creams and ointments to fill a small drugstore. And the long line of doctors I had seen had passed by like a dwindling parade of hope. The rash had only grown worse, and my face swelled, itched and turned tomato-red at the slightest stimulus.

Suddenly the pain behind my eyes tightened as if someone were packing cotton into my sinuses. I reached for a bottle of pain medication and quickly swallowed a couple of pills. I took the maximum of eight pills a day. But they only forestalled the worst of it—when the pain crept down my neck, making clear thinking nearly impossible.

I felt consumed by despair by the long years of this strange affliction. I had prayed so many times for it to go away. "Oh, God, why don't you help me?" I dabbed at my eyes and dressed for work. My head ached so much I could hardly pull a comb through my hair. I thought about crawling back into bed. But, of course, I couldn't. I liked my work as a third grade school teacher. I had to keep going.
As I entered school that morning a little girl peered up at me, her eyes wide with surprise and dismay. "How come your face looks like that?" she asked. I raised my hands over my cheeks and tried to explain. But I fell silent. I had no answer.

Not long after, someone told me about a dermatologist. I had seen half a dozen specialists already, but I made an appointment, ready to grasp at anything. I sat slumped on his examining table after a long series of allergy tests.

"Well, maybe we have an answer," the doctor said. "It appears you are allergic to yourself."

I stared at him disbelievingly. "You must be kidding!"

"I know it sounds strange, but these allergy tests show you are allergic to your own bacteria." Hope blew away like the last autumn leaf. Allergic to myself. How could I escape that?

"We'll make a special serum, using your saliva," said the doctor, "and teach you how to inject it."

And so began the next three years of giving myself shots. The headaches were not quite as severe, nor the rash quite as red-partial relief. The doctor did everything he could, prescribing medicines, creams and consultations. Still, the ever-present plague was agonizing, embarrassing.

So I followed my old, exhausted pattern and found yet another doctor. This time an outstanding allergist. More tests. More money. He decided I was allergic to a long list of goods, and put me on a diet. For a year I existed on nothing but peas, potatoes, carrots, lettuce and lean meat. My weight plummeted to 102 pounds.

"You're wasting away. Mama," said my son one morning as I packed my lunch of canned peas. He was right. Something dreadful was happening to me. And despite it all the daily headaches persisted, and the humiliating rash and acne were splashed across my face as big and red as ever. "This is no way to live!" I thought dismally as I wrapped a scarf across my head and left for work.

Then one Sunday as I struggled to teach my Sunday school class, I heard myself saying, "God is the answer." I paused, the echo of my words thundering in my head. As the class continued, the words burrowed inside me like a splinter.
At home after church I lay on the sofa with a warm cloth across my forehead. I gazed out the windows at the silent woods across the road. The words I had spoken that morning nudged at me. I am a Christian, I thought, I tell other people God is the answer, that they can find wholeness through him. Yet I have been a prisoner of this condition for nearly sixteen years. Suddenly the familiar old story of the woman in Mark 5:25-34 focused in my mind. The woman who touched the hem of Jesus' robe and was healed. I was so much like her. I, too, had suffered a condition for many years, gone to countless physicians, spent nearly all I had and was not better, but worse. The difference was the woman in Mark had finally gone to Jesus with faith—and was healed. Did such healings still happen today? I wondered. If so, could healing really happen to me? There on the sofa, the idea of real healing from God spun in my head. It almost seemed too ancient to be real. If only I could be sure.

The weeks passed and winter melted away. The incredible idea of healing lingered in my mind like a held-over Christmas present. I toyed with the ribbons, afraid to open it, afraid it might turn out to be empty . . . but strangely unable to turn away. Then one Sunday something happened. I lay in bed trying to find diversion from my headache by watching television. On the screen stood a beautiful young woman—Cheryl Prewitt, Miss America 1980. "God healed me." she said. "I prepared myself to be healed, and God healed me."

My heart began to pound with a strange excitement. She was speaking to me! No, God was speaking to me! He did still heal people today!

"Come quick!" I called to my husband and boys. As they hurried to the bedroom I pointed to the TV, where the radiant young woman still spoke. Tears poured down my face. "If God can heal her, then he can heal me," I said. Finally, after 16 desperate years of trying everything else, I was ready. Again I relived that biblical story in my mind. What was it Jesus had said to that woman after she had brushed her fingertips across his robe? "Your faith has made you whole." And what had Cheryl Prewitt said? "I prepared myself to be healed."

Faith! that was the key! That was what had been missing before. My faith had grown flabby, like out-of-shape muscles. I knew intellectually that God is powerful and can heal. But somehow I had to get that knowledge from my mind down into my heart. I had to believe it as absolutely as I believed the sun would rise tomorrow.

On May 1st, I began to prepare myself for healing like an athlete training for the Olympics. I sat down in the kitchen rocker with a pad of paper and my Bible. I
flipped to the concordance in the back- to the heading of "Healing, health and faith." I picked out verses, then looked them up, writing each one down word for word. It took a couple of days, but I finally compiled a list of 36 Scriptures—sort of a training manual for my faith.

The next day I tucked the papers into my purse. While driving to work I pulled them out and laid them on the seat. At the first stoplight I focused on Psalm 103:2-3. "Bless the Lord, 0 my soul, and forget not all his benefits . . . Who heals all your diseases," I whispered. I closed my eyes, saying it over and over, letting it sink down inside me. At a stop sign my eyes fell on another: "Heal me, 0 Lord, and I shall be healed." (Jeremiah 17:14) I said it over and over.

All day I kept it up—before getting out of the car, walking along the school corridors, sitting in the playground at recess. Not a spare moment was lost; by the end of the school day my scripture papers were dog-eared from wear.

In the weeks that followed this became my constant routine. The papers were as inseparable from me as my shadow. And by some inexplicable process the 36 scriptures were slowly sinking into the core of my being with roots of belief. I was actually beginning to believe—really believe—that I could be healed. I could almost feel my faith stretching and rippling with new strength.

I circled July 12 on the kitchen calendar. "Lord, this is the day I'm asking for complete healing." I said. Then I added another exercise. I began to visualize my complexion as pink and clear as a newborn baby's, and my sinus passages free and well. I imprinted it on my mind day and night. This exercise became rather a strenuous one, because the mirror was such a contrast from my image. The mirror was wrong, I told myself. Soon it will reflect my inner image.

Late that Spring I hurried past a mirror at school. Suddenly I stopped, backed up and peered into it. I ran my fingers across my face. Was it my imagination or did the fiery-red rash seem a bit faded? And my headache. Didn't it seem better? "Oh, thank you, Lord!" I cried. "You are healing me."

July 12 dawned warm and shiny through the bedroom window. I tiptoed to the bathroom mirror, took a deep breath and looked into it. The rash still lingered on the lower part of my face, and a faint sinus headache tugged behind my eyes. I will not give up, I thought. With a sudden burst of faith I said, "Well, Lord, this is the day! I know it will happen."
When the sun set in an orange glow, I went to a mirror again. Again I stared at my reflection, tears sparkling on my face. A face completely smooth and clear! It was the face I had imagined. The headache of the morning had drifted away as well. God and faith had made me whole.

For almost a year now I have not experienced a single headache, and my skin remains clear. I've gotten rid of all the old ointments, medicines, allergy shots and diets. The only thing I've kept are my precious dog-eared papers—those powerful scripture exercises that brought my faith to life. For there's one thing I've learned: Though it's important to keep physical muscles well-toned, it's even more important to keep "faith muscles" strong. For they are the ones that churn the spiritual energy, that move the mountains in our lives. Even a mountain like mine, which had towered over me for 16 years.

A few weeks ago at a meeting, a stranger tapped my shoulder. "Your complexion is so beautiful," she said. "Oh, thank you," I said, breaking into an unusually big smile. A smile, I'm sure, no one there really understood . . . except me and God.

Note: See Chapter sixteen for Marilyn's list of healing scriptures
Chapter 12
THE HEALING OF A BRITISH SOLDIER

This young British soldier was educated at Eton College and Kings College, Cambridge, England, where he later held a fellowship in Ancient and Modern Philosophy. After his healing he went on to become an international Bible teacher and prophet to the nations. While serving in North Africa in world war II, he experienced a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. Since then he has devoted his life to the study and teaching of the Bible. Many years ago I read his testimony of how he was healed of an incurable disease by meticulously going through the Bible and highlighting every passage that dealt with healing and then faithfully soaking himself in these promises on a daily basis. Through this simple method he experienced a miracle of healing. His name is Derek Prince. He has ministered to multitudes on every continent. The following quote from Derek Prince is from his book, The Foundation Series, Volume One, Chapter 5:

God's Word is so varied and wonderful in its working that it provides not merely spiritual health for the soul, but also physical health and strength for the body. This truth of physical healing through God's Word is fully stated in Proverbs 4:20-22, where God says:

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

What promise of physical healing could be more all-inclusive than that? . . . health to all their flesh. In the margin of the King James Version, the alternative reading for 'health' is 'medicine.' The same Hebrew word includes both shades of meaning.

As we consider the claim made in Proverbs 4:20-22, that God's Word is medicine for all our flesh, we might quite justifiably call these three verses, "God's great medicine bottle." They contain a medicine such as was never compounded on earth, one medicine guaranteed to cure all diseases.

However, we must bear in mind that on the human level, when the doctor prescribes a medicine, he normally ensures that the directions for taking it are written clearly on the bottle, and this implies that no cure can be expected
unless the medicine is taken regularly, according to the directions. The same is true with God's 'medicine' here in Proverbs. The directions are 'on the bottle,' and no cure is guaranteed if the directions are not followed. What are these directions? They are fourfold:

1. Give attention to my words!
2. Incline your ear!
3. Do not let them depart from your eyes!
4. Keep them in the midst of your heart!

God's spiritual medicine is to be received therefore, with careful attention, both through the "ear gate" and also through the "eye gate." The inward center of the human personality, at which the two avenues of the ear gate and the eye gate converge, is called in scripture "the heart." What is in our hearts controls the whole course of our lives and all that we experience.

If we receive God's words with careful attention; if we admit them regularly through both the ear gate and the eye gate so that they occupy and control our heart, then we find them to be exactly what God has promised, both life to our soul, and health to all our flesh. (our whole body)

In case this account of what God's medicine will do should seem to be mere fanciful theory, I will add here a brief word of personal testimony. Every one of these truths connected with the healing effect of God's Word I myself have both learned and proved in personal experience.

During World War II, while working with the medical services in North Africa, I became sick with a condition of the skin and nerves for which medical science, in that climate and those conditions, could provide no cure. I spent more than one year in hospital, receiving every kind of treatment available. For more than four months at a stretch I was totally confined to bed. Eventually, after more than a year, I was discharged from the hospital at my own request, uncured.

I decided to ask no further medication or treatment of any kind, but to put the promises of God, in Proverbs 4:20-22, to the test in my own case. Three times a day I went apart by myself, shut myself in with God and his Word, prayed, and asked God to make his Word to me what he had promised it should be; medicine to all my flesh.
The climate, the diet, and all other external circumstances were as unfavorable as they could be. Indeed, many healthy men all around me were falling sick. Nevertheless, through God's Word alone, without recourse to any other means of any kind, I received within a short time an absolutely complete and permanent cure. Let me add that I am in no sense criticizing or belittling medical science. I am grateful for all the good that medical science accomplishes. Indeed, I myself was working with the medical services. But there is just this one thing to say: the power of medical science is limited; the power of God's Word is unlimited.

Furthermore, there are many Christians of different denominational backgrounds who have a testimony similar to mine. I received a letter from a Presbyterian lady who was asked to give a word of testimony in a service in which there were a number of sick people to be prayed for. While this lady was testifying, and actually quoting the words of Proverbs 4:20-22, another lady in the seat next to hers, who had been suffering excruciating pain with a crushed disc in her neck, was instantly and completely healed and delivered, without any prayer being offered, simply through listening with faith to God's Word.

Later, I devoted a week on my radio Bible teaching program to this theme of "God's Medicine Bottle." A lady listener suffering from chronic eczema decided to take the medicine according to the "directions." Three months later she wrote to tell me that, for the first time in 25 years her skin was completely free from eczema. The words of Psalm 107:20 are still being fulfilled today: "He sent his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."
Chapter 13
A BOY WHOSE HEALING HAS IMPACTED THE WORLD

Kenneth Hagin was born prematurely. The doctor who attended his mother laid the tiny form aside at his birth and announced that the baby would not live. He attended the mother's needs and left the house. The grandmother saw some movement and picked up little Kenneth who was struggling to breath. She washed him and wrapped him up. He was so tiny he slept in a shoe-box and was fed with an eyedropper. They nurtured him to life and health, or at least, partial health. Actually he was left with several ailments, including a serious heart condition. The medical profession told his family that he could not possibly live to be a grown man.

The way Kenneth Hagin received his healing as a teenage boy would become a testimony to the world to the effectiveness of the Word of God to give birth to a faith that gives birth to healing. As he lay on his "deathbed" at the age of 16 paralyzed from the waist down, he began to read the Bible. It was very difficult for he had very poor eyesight and had to hold the Bible right up to his face to read it. As he read the verses on faith for healing, his faith began to grow. The day came when he knew that faith without some corresponding act was dead and would never produce anything. As he lay there in utter weakness and sickness he knew what he had to do. He gathered all the strength he could muster and, reaching down with both hands, he took hold of his lifeless legs and began to move them toward the edge of the bed.

After a long struggle, both legs dropped over the side of the bed. "My feet hit the floor like two pieces of cordwood." he said. Holding onto the edge of the bed, he pulled himself to the foot of the bed and took hold of the bed posts. With all his strength he began to pull his half-dead body up inch by inch. As he hung by his hands trying to pull himself up to get his feet on the floor, something wonderful happened. "Hanging there I began to feel a wonderful sensation as if someone had poured a bucket of warm honey on top of my head and that it was oozing slowly down my body. Suddenly I began to feel severe pain in my legs" he said, "but it was the most delicious pain I had ever felt in my life for I knew that the feeling was returning to my legs."

The healing did not come instantly or completely, but from that divine moment, over a period of months, his health was fully restored. Here is his testimony in his own words:
"As a young Baptist boy on the bed of affliction reading Grandma's Methodist Bible, the more I read the more I realized that I had never heard the full gospel, but only part of it. The more I read the Word the more I noticed that I didn't have to die. The more I read the more I realized that I could be healed. I had been taught that God could heal if he wanted to, which was an even bigger insult than saying he couldn't heal. Both are lies!

As I read the word though, the devil was right there trying to bring to my remembrance all the doubt and unbelief I had ever heard. He reminded me that I had heard that healing had been done away with. But do you know how I was able to overcome that obstacle? I could never remember having heard anyone say that faith had been done away with. Faith has not been done away with! It comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God! Jesus did not say that it was His power which made the woman whole. He said that her faith did it.

When I saw this I knew that if her faith made her whole, then my faith could make me whole. And, thank God, it did! My faith made me whole! My paralysis disappeared and my heart condition left! Since then I have been going at a hop, a skip, and a jump, preaching the truth!"

And how did Kenneth Hagin's healing as a sixteen year old boy impact the whole world? Because, later on in life, he became an evangelist who shared his testimony of his remarkable healing to multitudes. He also spread the word of truth about divine healing through his many books, tapes, and magazines, plus he established a Bible School that has trained and sent out hundreds and thousands of pastors, teachers, apostles, prophets, and evangelists who have brought the message of divine healing and salvation to millions of people in many nations. Kenneth Hagin's fruit continues to increase day after day though he is now in heaven.

The quote from Kenneth Hagin's testimony is taken from his book EXCEEDINGLY GROWING FAITH, pages 13-14.
Chapter 14
MY OWN PERSONAL TESTIMONY

The following the account of how I was healed by confessing God's Word. At the age of thirty I was teaching public school in Southern California. One day I was reading a book on the life of George Mueller, an Englishman whose life and ministry in Bristol, England became known to the Body of Christ worldwide mainly because of his life of faith. He made it a principle in his life and ministry never to tell anyone his needs, but to simply pray and ask God to provide both for his family and for his ministry to many hundreds of orphans.

His ministry grew to the point that he had thousands of orphans looking to him for their daily needs. Sometimes they would all sit down to an empty table, but before they got up, God had provided something for them to eat.

His life of faith spoke to me in the depths of my spirit and at the age of twenty I began to ask God that someday he would give me a ministry in which I would look only to Him and tell no man of my needs or the needs of my family or my ministry. As I read this man's story, I came across this statement, "If I know that I am praying within the will of God, I can pray daily for years if necessary for I know that it will eventually come to me."

When I read those words, I said to myself, "I am going to start praying today that God will fulfill Acts 6:4 in my life. Acts 6:4 is the passage telling what the early apostles of Jesus decided to do when faced with a multitude of responsibilities in the early church. They said, "It is not reasonable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables, Find capable men to take care of such things and we will give ourselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the Word." As a result of that decision, the word of God spread throughout the city of Jerusalem and many people came to Christ.

For years I had desired to be full time in a ministry of prayer and the word, but due to the size of my family and their daily needs it was necessary that I have a job to meet those needs. But that day I decided that if God would answer the "Acts 6:4" prayer, I could be certain that the needs of my wife and children would also be met even if I did not have a stated income or salary.

After reading those words by Mueller, I began to pray daily that God would fulfill Acts 6:4 in my life. "Father, set me free from school teaching and put me into a full time ministry of prayer and the ministry of your word." Within six
months, I was asked to become the Director of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Southern California. I resigned my teaching position and accepted the position with CEF, which became a full time ministry of prayer and the ministry of the word, looking to God for his financial supply.

My motto was "Trust God and tell the people." We did not tell the people our needs. We told them what God was doing in the ministry we had in evangelizing the children of Southern California.

God answered my prayer to have a ministry in which I would have to look to Him and not to men for my income. I did have a stated monthly salary, but it was up to me and my co-workers to pray and ask God to provide the necessary funds for the work of the ministry. There was no guarantee that the money would be there unless God provided it in answer to prayer without letting anyone but God know of our needs.

It wasn't long before the four hour drive each day to my office in Los Angeles and back began to take its toll. As I got more deeply engrossed in the work of an evangelistic ministry among children and children's workers in an area with a population of over twelve million, the pressure began to mount and I began to have a digestive problem. I began to take antacids to put out the fire that burned within me after almost every meal. It was a problem, but I was enjoying the work and didn't pay a lot of attention to it.

But the problem grew worse. I was taking more and more antacids to keep the burning down . . . I prayed for healing, I read books, I was examined by a physician, I took the medicine he gave me, but nothing would touch the depths of the problem. Almost everything I ate caused severe heartburn.

The weeks of burning turned into months, and the months into years, and the years into decades. Thirty five years later, still suffering indigestion and all the side effects, I had almost given up hope of ever being healed. Then one day while conducting some meetings in the little town of Cave Junction, Oregon, something wonderful happened.

I was staying in the home of Wayne and Betty Vineyard, the pastor and his wife. Every morning Betty would get out a little booklet and begin repeating something out loud. She would take about ten minutes two or three times a day to do this. One day I asked her what she was doing. "I am taking God's medicine." She said.
"How do you take God's medicine and what is God's medicine?" I was more than curious. She began to explain to me that what she was doing had been used of God to bring healing to many people and she believed it would also bring healing to her. She had had a stroke some months before and was getting progressively better.

I read through her little booklet called "GOD'S CREATIVE POWER FOR HEALING." By Charles Capps which gave a thorough explanation of the power of the spoken word. Betty gave me a copy of my own and I began to read aloud once a day the confessions of faith for healing based on the promises of divine healing in both the Old and New Testaments.

I did this for about three months and did not see any noticeable change, so I started to do it twice a day. One month later I began to cut down the number of antacids I took after each meal, I had no ill effects, so I stopped taking them altogether. I could hardly believe what happened next. Day after day I ate my meals with absolutely no heartburn whatever!

Now I can eat or drink any combination of foods with no indigestion at all. This is the biggest miracle I have ever experienced in my entire life in the physical realm. It is not the greatest miracle I have ever witnessed, or that I have ever read about, but it is certainly the greatest miracle that I have personally experienced in my physical body.

When you have suffered for thirty five years with a sickness and have tried everything to alleviate the suffering, then you try something new and you are healed, you have no doubts about what it was that brought about the change.

This all took place a few years ago and from time to time, the enemy comes to me to say, "It was not your spoken words of faith that brought about the healing, it was just that you stopped doing something or started doing something and that is what caused the healing." I have no problem dealing with that. I fully believe it was and is a supernatural healing, but even if were a healing brought about by Something in the natural realm. My Father is God of the Natural as well as the supernatural and it was after I began to make those declarations of faith that the healing came. I am confident it was another miracle of healing that came to me by grace through faith!
Dear reader, if you are suffering from a disease and have not been able to find a cure, I encourage you to begin to "take God's medicine" today. Use Marilyn Ludolf's list of promises, or my list, or get a copy of Charles Capps' little book by going onto his website at <www.CharlesCapps.com> and start the healing process in the name of Jesus today!

These declarations of faith in God's word are especially urgent if you have been declared "incurable" by the medical profession. We praise God for all the medical profession does to help heal the sick, but most of them will readily admit that there is a higher healing power than what they can offer. We would appreciate hearing your testimony of healing through using your faith as we have encouraged you to do through the message of this book.

You have read the introduction which tells the purpose of this book. Here it is again: "The faith that heals comes to us as we hear or read or speak the promises of God about healing. As you read this book, your faith for healing will grow. As you continue to feed your faith, the miracle of healing will come."

You have read my testimony and the testimonies of Marilyn Ludolf, Derek Prince, and Kenneth Hagin and how each of us discovered the fact that the promises of God in the Bible that deal with physical healing will act as a medicine to bring healing to our physical bodies if we will only take the time daily to read and meditate on those promises.

You have read through the list of promises from the Bible that Marilyn Ludolf used to bring forth her healing. It only takes six minutes to read all 36 verses aloud. I encourage you to read them out loud so that you can both see and hear them, thus fulfilling the prescription that Derek Prince gives in his testimony concerning Proverbs 4:20-22. He says,

"God's spiritual medicine is to be received therefore, with careful attention, both through the ear gate and also through the eye gate. The inward center of the human personality at which the two avenues of the ear gate and the eye gate converge is called in Scripture 'the heart.'"
He took the medicine three times a day and he states that, "Through God's Word alone, without recourse to any other means of any kind, I received within a short time an absolutely complete and permanent cure."

It may not be enough for you to read through this book only one time. You may need to read it over and over till your faith begins to come to the front and you are totally confident that God not only can heal you, not only will heal you, but that he is healing you now . . . present tense!

Faith only operates for the here and now. It will not operate for the future. The language of the scripture is, "Believe that you have received it and it will come to you." When do you believe that you have received it? WHEN YOU PRAY!

Take the list of healing promises with you wherever you go. You may want to copy them off on small cards that you can carry in your pocket or purse. Unused business cards work wonderfully for this purpose. Most of us have a few hundred of them laying somewhere. You will only need 36. You may find other verses that quicken your faith to add to the 36.

The whole project is based on the Word of God that tells us that faith comes by hearing (or reading) the word of God. The key is that faith comes in certain areas of truth. If your struggle is in the area of healing, the words we read and meditate are promises on healing. If your need is in the area of finances, then the list of scriptures would be promises that God makes in his Word concerning blessing with financial provision those who give generously.

A Word From T. L. Osborn


Tommy and Daisy Osborn have spent more than fifty years on the front lines of missionary evangelism in scores of countries doing the works of Jesus in a healing and deliverance ministry that has given birth to thousands of churches worldwide. The truths he shares below on the power inherent in boldly confessing the promises of the word of God cannot to be taken lightly. He has observed this power at work, not only in his own life, but also in the lives of multitudes of sick people around the world who have been healed through confessing God's promises to heal.
Confession Brings Possession

"If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and will believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9) This word, "saved" is translated from the Greek word "Sozo," which includes being healed physically as well as being healed spiritually.

Healed in body and healed in soul or saved from sin and saved from sickness. The same word is translated "healed, preserved, saved, and make whole." Paul adds: "For with the heart we believe unto righteousness and with the mouth, confession is made to salvation."

Salvation does not come until after confession is made. One must believe and confess before experiencing the result. This is faith and by grace are you saved through faith. (Ephesians 2:8)

Always remember: Confession comes first; and then Jesus, who is the High Priest of our confession, responds by granting the things we have confessed.

Whatever things you desire, when you pray believe that you receive them and you shall have them. (Mark 11:24) Confession is saying with the mouth what one believes in his heart. Confession is agreeing with God in the heart enough to say what God says or to speak aloud God's words to us. This is to receive God's expressions and declarations and to acknowledge that we truly believe God's word.

Confession is faith's way of expressing itself in our testimony. Paul declared that he preached the word of faith, then told us that the word of faith must be in our hearts and in our mouths.

The only way to have the word of faith in our mouths is to talk the word of God. This is confession - making our lips agree with God; speaking God's word with our mouths. (Romans 10:8)

Revelations 12:11 tells us that those who overcame the devil did so by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; that is, through the scriptures they quoted as they gave their testimony.

We were asked to pray for a person who was very sick and weak. He felt no immediate results. We then asked him to repeat what God said: "By his stripes, I am healed," and to praise the Lord for healing according to His word.
The man considered our request to be outright hypocrisy. He was quick to let us know he did not believe in testifying to something he did not have. He said he was sincere and would never act the part of a hypocrite. The man was measuring his healing by his feelings. That is not faith.

It is not hypocritical to say what God says. Confession of a promise given us in God's word, when confessed from the heart, always brings the possession.

I did not ask this man to say he was not sick. I asked him to say what God had said - to acknowledge God's word: "With his stripes, I am healed." You are not a liar because you declare what God has spoken.

God was merciful and added some feeling to his healing. He was like Thomas: "Except I see in his hands the prints of the nails, I will not believe." (John 20:25)

We prayed for a man who had arthritis in his shoulders and arms. As we prayed, he felt a wonderful blessing and was thrilled. But later, he felt another pain. That discouraged him. He came up to me saying, "Just listen to my joints crack."

Instead of saying, "The word says I am healed, and I know I'll recover." He was more concerned with physical evidence than with the word of God. I told him of a similar case where we prayed for a lady, and she had believed with perfect confidence. After two days she returned to show us that her joints were completely healed. Her faith had set her free. The man responded: "I'm glad you told me that. I was afraid I would not get healed. But if she got well, then I will be alright."

The word of God had meant nothing to that man. The promise given by Jesus, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." was empty and meaningless to him. He had felt a pain, so God's word must have failed. While he was feeling good, he was sure the word was true; but the pain had annulled the whole thing, so far as he was concerned.

Learn to confess what our Lord says, and he will fulfill his promise to you, because he is the High Priest of our confession. The confessions of "I am the Lord who heals you" and "By His stripes, I am healed" always precedes the manifestation of healing just as the confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior always precedes the experience of salvation. (Romans 10:9-10) Jesus is the High Priest of our confession - our words, what we say with our lips — when it corresponds with his word, he does according to what we say. We should never confess anything but victory because Paul says: "In all these things we are more than conquerors." (Romans 8:37)
Chapter 16
THE 36 SCRIPTURES MARILYN LUDOLF USED

1 "My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to a man's whole body." (Proverbs 4:20-22)

2 "Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones." (Prov. 3:7-8)

3 "... I am Jehovah Rapha, the Lord who heals you." (Exodus 15:26)

4 "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17)

5 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him." (Matthew 7:7,11)

6 "Jesus said to him, 'I will go and heal him.' The Centurion replied, 'Lord, just say the word and my servant will be healed.' Then Jesus said to the centurion, 'Go! It will be done just as you have believed it would.' And his servant was healed at that very hour. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 'He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.'" (Matthew 8:7,13,17)

7 "Then he touched their eyes and said, 'According to your faith will it be done to you'; Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness." (Matthew 9:29, 35)

8 "When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick." (Matthew 14:14)

9 "Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the dumb and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them." (Matthew 15:30)
"The disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, 'Why couldn't we drive it [the demon] out?' He replied, 'Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.'" (Matthew 17:20-21)

"Large crowds followed him and he healed them . . ." (Matthew 19:2)

"And Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons . . ." (Mark 1:34)

"He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.'" (Mark 5:34)

"Go, said Jesus, your faith has healed you. Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road." (Mark 10:52)

"Jesus said, 'Everything is possible for him who believes.'" (Mark 9:23)

"Have faith in God,' Jesus answered. 'I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." (Mark 11:22-24)

"And the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all." (Luke 6:19)

"And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." (John 14:13-14)

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him." (Acts 10:38)

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.'"
(Galatians 3:13)

21 "The thief comes only to steal, and kill/and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

22 "Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well." (I I John 2)

23 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

24 "But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings [rays]." (Malachi 4:2)

25 "Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, the epileptics and the paralytics, and he healed them." (Matthew 4:23-24)

26 "0 Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me." (Psalm 30:2)

27 "If you make the Most High your dwelling; even the Lord, who is my refuge; then no harm will befall you, no disaster [plague] will come near your tent [dwelling], (Psalm 91:9-10)

28 "And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; and the Lord will raise him up . . ." (James 5:15)

29 "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." (I Peter 2:24)

30 "Why are you downcast, 0 my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." (Psalm 42:11)

31 "I said, '0 Lord, have mercy on me; heal me, for I have sinned
against you." (Psalm 41:4)

32 "Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; 0 Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony." (Psalm 6:2)

33 "Praise the Lord, 0 my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, 0 my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases." (Psalm 103:2-3)

34 "Surely he took up our infirmities (sicknesses) and carried our sorrows [diseases] yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:4-5)

35 "Heal me, 0 Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise." (Jeremiah 17:14)

36 "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." (I John 4:4)
Chapter 17
HEALING WORDS FROM EVERY BOOK IN THE

This exercise in faith, saying what God says about us, even if it is not fully manifested in us yet, is firmly established in the scriptures themselves. Consider the following verses:

"Let the weak say, 'I am strong!'" (Hosea 3:10)

"God gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were." (Romans 4:17)

"If anyone says ... and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him." (Mark 11:22-23)

"Confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:9-10)

The following confessions are based on the scripture references on the left of each confession:

Genesis 20:17- As God answered Abraham's prayer for healing, he will hear and answer mine!

Exodus 15:26- His name is Jehovah-Rapha, the Lord my doctor, my physician, my healer!

Leviticus 14:3- God healed the leper in Moses' day and he will heal my disease in Jesus' day!

Numbers 12:13- My healing is based upon better promises than those of Moses!

Deuteronomy 32:39- God has declared himself to be my healer and I receive Him now as my healer!

Joshua 1:3- By faith I place my feet upon every promise of divine healing in the Word of God!

Judges 16: 28- As God gave Samson supernatural strength, He is giving me supernatural health!
Ruth 2:12-1 take refuge under the shadow of His wings where there is healing and deliverance!

I Samuel 17:47- The battle is the Lord's and he will deliver me from all sickness and disease!

II Samuel 22:3- Jesus is my rock, my fortress, my shield, and my Savior in times of sickness!

I Kings 19:7- God will send ministering angels to strengthen me in this battle for life and health!

II Kings 20:5- God will hear my prayer and give me healing, health, and long life in Jesus' name!

I Chronicles 16:11- As the Israelites looked to the brazen serpent and were healed, I look to Jesus for healing!

II Chronicles 30:20- One man's prayer can bring healing to a multitude through the mercy of God!

Ezra 6:22- Jesus, my Passover Lamb, suffered for my deliverance from sin, sickness and disease!

Nehemiah 8:10-1 will rejoice and be glad in the Lord my redeemer who is healing me now!

Esther 5:1- God gives me entrance into the Holy of Holies to make my requests known to Him!

Job 33:28- God has delivered my soul from the grave and I shall live to proclaim His power to heal!

Psalms 103:3- He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases all the time!

Proverbs 4:20- God's Word in my mouth and in my heart will bring healing to my whole body!

Ecclesiastes 3:3- Now is the time for me to be healed for Jesus has paid the price in full! By his stripes I am healed.
Song of Solomon 4:7- He who loved me enough to die for me shall also freely give me all things, including my healing!

Isaiah 53:4-5- By Jesus' wounds we were healed, therefore by Jesus' wounds I AM HEALED NOW!

Jeremiah 30:17- The Lord is restoring my health and healing my wounds!

Lamentations 3:22- Because of His love. His compassion, and His faithfulness I shall not die but live!

Ezekiel 47:8-9- Where the river flows everything will live. The river flows in me and I SHALL LIVE!

Daniel 11:32- By faith in God's word, I resist the devil and all the works of the devil including sin, sickness and disease, in the name of Jesus!

Hosea 6:1- I will seek the Lord with all my heart and He will heal me and bind up my wounds!

Joel 3:10- Let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say, "I am rich!" Let the sick say, "I am healed!"

Amos 5:14- I seek good and not evil, therefore I shall live and do the will of my Father!

Obadiah 17- My deliverance comes from Mount Zion, where Christ suffered and made atonement for me!

Jonah 2:9- I will offer the sacrifice of praise to Jehovah-Rapha, my personal physician!

Micah 7:15- God will show forth in me His power to heal!

Nahum 1:15- God's good news to the sick is that there is supernatural healing in the atonement!

Habakkuk 2:14- The truth about divine healing is setting me free from sickness and disease!
Zephaniah 3:17- The Lord my God is mighty to save me from every attack of the devil!

Haggai 2:5- I shall not fear, for His Spirit remains within me and upon me to bring me into victory!

Zechariah 4:6- My health, strength, stamina, and energy are not by might nor by power but by the Spirit of the Lord God Almighty!

Malachi 4:2- The sun of righteousness will rise for me with healing in its rays, for I exalt Jesus' name!

Matthew 4:23- Jesus healed every sickness and disease among the people then and he does the same today!

Mark 11:23- I command all sickness and disease to dissolve and pass from my body!

Luke 4:40 - Jesus healed all who came to him for healing. He is the same yesterday, today and forever! I have come to Jesus to receive my healing and I shall not be disappointed!

John 4:46-53- A royal official simply believed the word Jesus spoke to him concerning the healing of his son and left for home. His son was healed according to Jesus' word! I believe his healing word to me.

Acts 5:16- There is not one case in the New Testament of anyone who came to Jesus for healing who did not get healed. He came to do the will of the Father, establishing forever God's will in the matter healing.

Romans 4:17-21- I am fully persuaded that God is able to do for me all he has promised to do, therefore I will call those things that be not as though they were, and THEY SHALL BE!

I Corinthians 12:7-9- God has given gifts of healing to the Body of Christ so that believers may live in health!

II Corinthians 1:20- All the promises of God for healing are "YES" in Christ, and through him the "AMEN" (so be it) is spoken by us to the glory of God. These confessions of faith for healing are a resounding "AMEN!" to his promises!
Galatians 3:13- Christ became a curse for me and thus he has redeemed me from the curse of the law which includes every sickness and disease mentioned in Deuteronomy 28!

Ephesians 3:20- Now unto him who is able to do immeasurably more than all I could ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within me, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Philippians 1:6- I am confident that he who has begun his healing work in me shall carry it on to completion!

Colossians 3:16- The word of Christ dwells in me richly and I am singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in my heart to God for his healing touch upon my body!

I Thessalonians 5:23- Jesus has purchased redemption for me; spirit, soul, and body!

II Thessalonians 2:15- I am standing firm and holding on to the teachings I have received concerning divine healing. I will not cease to give thanks to God for his provision and his promise!

I Timothy 6:12- I will fight the good fight of faith until I see my healing come in its fullness!

II Timothy 1:12- I know whom I have believed and am convinced that he is able to guard and keep that which I have entrusted to him, including my physical health!

Titus 3:5- God saves us and heals us not because of any righteous things that we have done, but because of his mercy he blesses us abundantly through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Philemon 3- It is by the grace of God, his unmerited favor, that we are healed and made whole!

Hebrews 10:35- I will not throw away my confidence which will be richly rewarded. I will persevere in my confession of faith so that I will receive what he has promised!
James 5:16- Anointing with oil in the name of the Lord and the prayer offered in faith will make any sick person well and the Lord will raise him up! If he has sinned he will be forgiven!

I Peter 2:24- By Jesus wounds I have been healed! It's done, yes it's done. In the mighty name of Jesus the victory is won!

II Peter 1:3- His divine power has given me everything I need for life and godliness, including healing, health, strength, and energy!

I John 5:14- This is the confidence I have in him, that if I ask anything according to his will (and healing is his will) he hears me and I know that I have what I asked of him.

II John 6- Faith works through love and God's love is poured out in my heart by the Holy Spirit!

III John 2- God is concerned for my physical well being as well as for my spiritual well being!

Jude 20- I will continue to build myself up in my most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit! (in my heavenly language)

Revelation 1:7- Jesus is the Alpha and Omega; the Almighty. Nothing is too hard for him to do!
Chapter 18
HEALING WORDS FROM ANOINTED LEADERS

“The whole dispensation of the Spirit, the whole economy of grace in Christ Jesus, the whole of our spiritual lives, and the whole of the health, growth, and strength of the church has been laid down, provided for, and secured in the New Covenant.” - Andrew Murray

“When someone gets healed, the Kingdom of God is revealed, for His Kingdom is a Kingdom or wholeness, of well being, and of life.” - Billy Joe Daugherty

“Christians need never be sick, any more than they need to be sinful. It is always God's desire to heal you.” - T. L. Osborn

“In becoming part of the Body of Christ, sickness should have no more mastery over us than it had over the Body of Jesus when He was on the earth.” - Gordon Lindsay

“If unbelief kept Christ from healing the sick on earth, (in his earthly ministry) it will surely do so today.” - Dr. T. J. McCrossan

“You get faith by studying the Word. Study that Word until something in you "knows that you know" and that you do not just hope that you know.” - Carrie Judd Montgomery

“There is no sickness problem. There is simply a problem of the believer's coming to know his inheritance in Christ. - E. W. Kenyon

Tradition is the thief of power. There is no area of our lives where that theft is more evident than in the area of divine healing. - Rod Parsley

Just believe what God says that Jesus has done for you, body, soul, and spirit - think about it, talk about it, sing about it, shout about it, and the praise cure has begun. - Lillian B. Yeomans

There has never been a miracle drug that could equal the Word of God. God's medicine is the answer to every need. - Gloria Copeland

“Endeavor always to remember that you are in the immediate presence of God, and strive to act as you would if you see the Savior standing by your side.” -
Raymond T. Richey

The power of God will take you out of your own plans and put you into the plan of God. - Smith Wigglesworth

Just as one gets the first fruits of spiritual salvation in the life that now is, so we get the first fruits of our physical salvation (divine healing) in the life that now is."
- Dr. R.A. Torrey

Both sin and sickness came into the world through the fall of the human race. Therefore, we must look for the healing of both in the savior of the human race. God is as willing to heal believers as He is to forgive unbelievers. Know this! If He was merciful enough to forgive you when you were in sin, He is merciful enough to heal you now that you are in His family! - T. L. Osborn

Keep your foot on the devil's neck by standing on the Word of God, and you will see tremendous results! - Jesse Duplantis

Fear cannot stay in the same house with Jesus Christ. - Jack Coe

God is the God of the people who are at their wit's end, who are right up against it with their backs to the wall, and He delights to come to our help when we need Him most. - James Salter

When I saw for the first time by the Word of God that sickness was not the Will of God, everything in my nature rose up to defeat the will of the devil. - John G. Lake

Is there any reason why you should not have faith in God? Has God ever broken one of His promises? I defy any infidel or unbeliever to place a finger on a single promise of God ever made and failed to fulfill. - D. L. Moody

The devil is busy trying to take from us what we take from God, and so God bids us to hold fast. - C. Nuzum

Faith is acting in the face of contrary evidence. The senses declare, "It cannot be," but Faith shouts above the turmoil, "IT IS!" - E. W. Kenyon

At Calvary, there was a great healing transfer where the responsibility for healing was switched from God giving it, to you receiving it. - Rod Parsley

Believe you receive in the faith realm, and you shall have it in the natural realm.
John Osteen

Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength. Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. - Corrie Ten Boom

God is still forgiving sins, and He is still healing diseases, or else He is not the same God He used to be. - Dr. T. J. McCrossan

Faith looks beyond the walls of the obstacle and sees the answer. - Benny Hinn

When you meditate (to mutter to yourself, to think deeply into, to ponder), on God's Word it puts you in that verse and it puts that verse in you. The Word becomes real to you; it becomes alive. Meditating on God's Word helps you to "own" it, and you know that you can't spend something you don't own. Many people have learned to confess God's Word, but sometimes with little results, because they haven't taken the time to meditate on it first and to make it real to their own hearts. - Nancy Dufresne

The Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is God's "I Will" to every seeker for full salvation for spirit, soul and body. - Kenneth Hagin

The true Gospel of Jesus Christ is a revelation of how God has taken sinful man and made him a new creation and imparted to him a perfect righteousness. - John Osteen

Never dig up in unbelief what you have sown in faith. - Gordon Lindsay

God's best for the believer who is seeking to be healed is to take God's Word that says he is healed, put that Word in his heart, confess it with his lips, and allow it to be medicine to his flesh. - Jerry Savelle

Faith heals, sets free, receives from God and walks in liberty. - Ray McCauley

If satan can keep you in the sense realm, he will destroy you - but if you keep him in the faith realm, you'll put him under your feet. - Frederick K. C. Price

God wants His people well, but it is up to us to make the decision to walk in health. - Marilyn Hickey

Did you know that Jesus built you and me a house of healing two thousand years ago? But that house of healing Jesus built for us will remain vacant until we decide
to move into it. - Ed Dufresne

Jesus came to deliver men from sin and sickness that He might make known the love of the Father. In His actions, in His teachings, the teachings of the disciples and in the work of the apostles, pardon and healing are always found together. - Andrew Murray

Fear tolerated is faith contaminated. - Kenneth Copeland

Jesus has given you the right to use His name. That name can break the power of disease and the power of the adversary. That name can stop disease and failure from reigning over you. There is no disease that has ever come to man which his name cannot destroy. - E. W. Kenyon

I would rather believe for something great and receive half of it, than to believe for nothing and receive all of it! - Joel Osteen

When the storms of life strike, it's what happens in you that will determine what happens to you. - Jerry Savelle

The Bible is a revelation, not only of God’s willingness to heal our spiritual ailments, but our physical ones also. One of His covenant names is "The Lord who heals" (Jehovah-Rapha), and He is also the Lord that changes not, the changeless, healing, health bestowing, life-giving Lord, undisputed Sovereign over all the powers of the universe. - Lillian B. Yeomans

Your faith begins to move and to act when the power of God supernaturally empties you of doubt and fills you with a knowing. You come into a state of knowing where you know that you know. In that instant you cannot doubt. - Oral Roberts

The reason that people do not have a rich, beautiful faith is that their spirit is denied the privilege of communion and fellowship with the Father. - John G. Lake

Real faith rejoices in the promise of God as if it saw the deliverance and was already enjoying it. - F. F. Bosworth

Faith's role is to grasp that which appears impossible or even strange to human eyes. - Andrew Murray
Jesus in His earth walk was the will of God in action. If you want to know what God thinks about sickness, look at Jesus! He went about healing the sick! There is not one case in the ministry of Jesus where anyone ever came to Him to be healed who did not get healed. - Kenneth Hagin

Worship opens a doorway to the power of His presence, confounding dark powers and overthrowing sin's destructive operations. - Jack Hayford

I believe in Christianity as I believe in the sun- not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.- C. S. Lewis

Miracles begin within us and then affect those around us. - Reinhard Bonnke

What you do with your eyes in some cases is a matter of life and death. To look at [focus on] the sickness brings death. To look at [focus on] God's Word brings life. - Gloria Copeland

The Blood of Jesus washes away our past and the Name of Jesus opens up our future. - Jesse Duplantis

Faith can only operate where the will of God is known. - Keith Butler

Fear of the devil is nonsense. Fear of demons is foolish. The Spirit of God anointing the Christian heart makes the soul impregnable to the powers of darkness. - John G. Lake

Doctors may have told you there is no hope for you medically, but you can always find supernatural HOPE from God's Word. - Charles Capps

If you've got just a little bit of faith as a grain of mustard seed, and begin to praise God - that faith will mount up, until fear won't be able to stay in your heart. - Jack Coe

When you come in contact with the anointing of God, it not only effects your moment, it effects your tomorrow. - Creflo Dollar

You must flow with the will of God to obtain the power of God. - Benny Hinn

We are either in the process of resisting God's truth or in the process of being
shaped and molded by his truth. - Charles Stanley

Whatever God's Word says I am - that's what I am! Whatever His Word says I can do - with His help I can do! Whatever His Word says He will do - He will do! - Kenneth Copeland

When we have learned the process of faith for receiving healing, we have learned how to receive everything else God promises us in His Word. - F. F. Bosworth

Faith is totally possessed by patience and knowing. - Norvel Hayes

God delights in His children stepping out over the void with nothing under their feet except the Word of God. - Lillian B. Yeomans

I don't have to figure out how God is going to solve my problem. I don't have to understand how He's going to bring it to pass. That's His responsibility. My job is to simply believe that He will. - Joel Osteen

The overcoming power is God's; the overcoming privilege is ours! - Jack Hayford

The only way to carry a heavy load is with praise. - Earl Lee

God is missed through laziness, indifference and unwillingness. - Jesse Duplantis

Earth's circumstances are insignificant when compared to Heaven's provision - Albert Hibbert

Faith is an action, based on a belief, supported by confidence. - R. W. Shambach

Believe that when you come into the presence of God you can have all you came for. You can take it away, and you can use it, for all the power of God is at your disposal in response to your faith. - Smith Wigglesworth

Faith is more than agreeing with God's Word - faith is acting upon that Word. - Col Stringer

Believers should never partake of doubts and fears because they are the devil's narcotics. - Kenneth Hagin

Healing is not always obtained by saying a prayer. It is obtained by obeying God - John G. Lake
Miracles are creative. Healing is the restoration of health. - John G. Lake

The devil knows if he can capture your thought life he has won a mighty victory over you. - Smith Wigglesworth

When we steadfastly believe and act our faith in God’s Word, nothing can keep the power in the Word from making all things to become exactly as the Word says. - F. F. Bosworth

When we demonstrate our faith in God by our obedience, He not only promises to provide for us, He will provide. - Benny Hinn

I have found that there are three stages in every great work of God: first, it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done. - Hudson Taylor

Your success and usefulness in the world is going to be measured by your confession and by the tenacity with which you "hold fast" that confession under all circumstances. - F. F. Bosworth

Faith is not the price that buys God's blessing, it is the hand that receives His blessing. The price was paid for us by Jesus Christ on the cross - Joyce Meyer

Faith is not a sword just to grab . . . faith is a way of life. The secret behind getting more faith is to get to know God more. - Lester Sumrall

Some people pray just to pray and some people pray to know God. - Andrew Murray

Some read the Bible to learn and some read the Bible to hear from heaven. - Andrew Murray

We have a God who delights in impossibilities. - Andrew Murray

We see, from almost every conceivable angle throughout the Scripture, that there is no doctrine more clearly taught than that it is God's will to heal all who have need of healing, and that they may fulfill the number of their days according to His promise. - F. F. Bosworth

God is glorified through healing and deliverance, not through sickness and suffering. - Kenneth Hagin
Chapter 19  
A TWO EDGED SWORD AGAINST DEMONS

When we begin healing the sick in Jesus' name, we will begin to notice a definite increase in satanic attacks on our lives. This is usually through subtle suggestions to our minds that create doubts, fears, and unbelief. The Bible admonishes us to take the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God as the answer to these spiritual attacks. Speak out the word of God in faith. It is devastating to the enemy. The following declarations are based on Old and New Testament verses of scripture:

Jesus helps me and delivers me from the wicked and saves me because I take refuge in Him.

With Him I will gain the victory and he will trample down my enemies. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling. He will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies that surround me.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble Jesus will preserve my life, he will stretch out his hand against the anger of my foes. With his right hand he will save me.

He keeps my lamp burning. He turns my darkness into light.

Jesus is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer, my rock in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the Horn of my salvation, my Stronghold.

He brought me out of darkness and the deepest gloom and broke away my chains. He hears the needy and does not despise his captive people. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. He sets the prisoners free. God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing.

No harm will befall me, no disaster will come near my dwelling for he will command his angels concerning me to guard me in all my ways.

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

No weapon forged against me will prevail, and I will refute every tongue that accuses me. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me, declares the Lord.
This is what the Lord says, "I will contend with those who contend with you, and your children I will save."

Jesus is the one who goes with me to fight for me against my enemies to give me victory. The enemies who rise up against me will be defeated before me. The Lord will rescue me from the hand of my enemies and enable me to serve him without fear.

He has given me authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy, nothing will harm me, for those who are with me are more than those who are against me.

I worship Jesus, for it is he who will deliver me from the hand of all my enemies. I am of God and I have overcome them, for He who is in me is greater than he that is in the world.

I am an overcomer by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of my testimony.

My weapons are not the weapons of the world. They have divine power to demolish strongholds.

My God has rescued me from the dominion of darkness and brought me into the Kingdom of his son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

All glory and praise to the name of Jesus! Amen!
Chapter 20
THERE'S MORE

Looking back over the years, back to the day I first heard about the baptism in the Holy Spirit; how I sought it for five years; how I finally received it by faith and then began to experience miracles and supernatural manifestations of God's presence and power; how I drifted back into formalism and legalism; how God once again made me hungry to experience the miracle power of God and then gave me a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, I have learned some precious truths! But perhaps the most basic truth of all my discoveries is contained two simple words: There's More!

No matter how much we experience in Jesus or how long we have walked with Him in the Spirit-filled life, still there's more! There will never come a time in this life or in the world to come when we can sit back and sigh and say, "Now I've experienced everything there is to experience in God." There is always the challenge and the thrill of going further with God. There is so much more! We could cry out as did Paul, "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God." (Rom. 11:33)

No matter how far I have gone with God, I can always look around me and see someone who has gone a little further and experienced more intimately the life and fellowship of Jesus.

This is so exciting to me to know that there is more in Jesus than I can ever receive! Praise the Lord! There is more of His power than I have ever witnessed. There is more of His knowledge than I have ever learned of His infinite love, His surpassing wisdom or His marvelous grace . . . so much more that from the depths of my spirit I can hear the final lines of the Hallelujah Chorus . . . HA . . . LE . . . LU . . . JAH!

One of the most subtle snares of the devil is to get one of God's children to the point where he has God neatly tucked away in his theological box and thinks he knows just about what God will do and what he won't do. There is a subtle frame of mind that slowly settles down over the believer after he's been a Christian for awhile; an attitude that, "Now, I've read all the books, heard all the big name speakers, and I guess I've reached a plateau of maturity where things will be pretty much the same from here on out." They have long since forgotten the excitement and thrill of their first discoveries in Christ, and have settled down into a routine sameness. A cooling down has set in . . . but there's more!
A chaplain in the armed forces was reasoning with a soldier who claimed to be an agnostic. "What kind of an agnostic are you?" asked the chaplain.

"I was not aware that there were different kinds?" returned the soldier.

"Oh, yes," the chaplain replied, "there are different kinds. There is the intellectual agnostic who says, 'If there is a God, I have never met Him, you have never met Him, and nobody else has ever met Him.' Then there is the honest agnostic who says, 'If there is a God, I do not know Him.' Now which kind are you?"

"Well," said the soldier, "I guess I'm an honest agnostic." With that the chaplain then drew a large circle on a piece of paper and said, "Let's suppose that this circle represents total knowledge. Now, how much of total knowledge do you have?"

"I don't understand," replied the soldier, "what do you mean?"

"What percent of total knowledge do you possess? Would you say that you possess ninety percent of all acquired knowledge?"

"Oh, no," returned the soldier, "More like ten percent, or even less."

Whereupon the chaplain drew a wedge in the circle representing one tenth of the circle. Then he pointed to the space representing the remaining nine-tenths of the circle and asked, "Soldier, do you suppose that God could exist in the remaining ninety percent of total knowledge which you do not possess?"

"I see your point and in all honesty I would have to answer, 'Yes.' Any man that honest would surely eventually discover the reality of the forgiveness of sins and a new life in Christ!

Is it possible that these so called "Charismatic" experiences could exist in the remaining percent of the circle for those who are saying, "If there is a baptism in the Holy Spirit and charismatic gifts for the Church today, I have never experienced them, you have never experienced them, and nobody else has either?"

The moment we receive Jesus, we become heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. All there is in Jesus becomes ours in fact, at that precise moment. However, we do not experience all that there is to experience in Christ at that divine moment. It will take all of our lives and all of eternity to experience all that
we are and all that we have in Christ. Our inheritance is so large and so vast that there is always more to discover, more to enjoy, and more to experience.

I may know Jesus as my Savior and never experience Him as my Healer. I may know Him as my Peace and never know Him as my Wisdom. I may know Him as Everlasting Father and not know Him as Counselor. Jesus has more than 300 names in the Bible and each one denotes another aspect of His ministry or his relationship to us. I am convinced that in heaven we will discover that he has more than 300 names!

It is like the Israelites, to whom God gave all the land of Canaan but then said, "Go in and possess your possessions." There was more land in Canaan than they ever possessed. And there is more in Christ than we will ever experience. This is our inheritance! But our inheritance will only become ours in our experience as we begin to possess our possessions by faith.

A casual reading of the life of Jesus, the book of Acts, and the history of the Christian movement speaks loud and clear that the best tool in all the world for evangelizing the lost is miracles of healing and deliverance. John Wimber, the founder of the Vineyard church planting movement, called divine healing "Power Evangelism."

I just finished reading a recent DAWN Ministries (Discipling A Whole Nation), newsletter sent out from the founder of DAWN, Jim Montgomery. In it he says, "Recently, I was documenting and analyzing the very rapid growth of the Foursquare Church in the Philippines. While their leaders had never studied church growth strategy, they were growing 36 times faster per foreign missionary than any comparable group! What they did have was prayer for the sick, prayer for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, prayer for provisions, conversions, and rapid growth."

There is no way the early church could have made the advances they made without miracles, especially miraculous healings. Let us set aside our misgivings about supernatural manifestations, and open ourselves up to more of the presence and power of God. Let us pray daily the prayer of the early church, which God answered for them on a daily basis. Here is the prayer again taken from Acts 4:29-30 NKJV "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

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