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Foreword

I met Josef, the author of this book, in Prague in our church as a student of economics. He is a man with a strong teacher's gift and rational thinking, nevertheless fully surrendered to the word of God and its application in our generation. I am excited to watch his spiritual growth and passion for miracles and healing. Something very rare is articulated in Josef, a combination of the intellect and the supernatural. I believe that the book you are holding in your hand will be a guide to your study of healing and healing ministry.

The healing of the sick by God's power has always been one of the key areas in God's kingdom for me. I grew up in a house where almost constantly someone came for healing or deliverance from demons. I have seen dozens of amazing healings, even as a child. My dad was a man of faith, and nothing was impossible for him. Once, his cousin was diagnosed with a tumour in her head. Everything was prepared for the complex operation – the images, the examination, the date. On the eve of the operation, she invited him to her home to pray for her. The next day, she went to the hospital, where she was supposed to be operated on. To their great surprise, the doctors found nothing and sent her home healthy. My faith grew on this and similar stories. Later in my own ministry as a pastor and church planter, I was able to experience many more miracles and healings.

In the Bible, we see at least three different ways of healing. First, it is the manifestation of God's kingdom on earth. Both Jesus and the apostles healed regardless of whether the person

believed in the healing or not. They proclaimed the kingdom of God and showed what it looked like. Signs and wonders were some proof that God's kingdom was on earth. If we go to preach the gospel of the kingdom today, God expects us to prove it in the same way. In this case, we cannot in any way transfer the responsibility for recovery to the sick person. We act on the basis of our faith, the faith of a person who serves with healing or miracles.

Secondly, we see healing where a person who is already a believer turns to Jesus or, by extension, to us and asks us for healing. In this case, the person's faith heals. Several times in the New Testament, we see Jesus healing not because he wanted to but because he saw the faith of the sick. Compared to the first way, we can say here that Jesus always healed everyone who asked him for healing. We have no example of Jesus or the apostles refusing healing. Therefore, we can boldly say that healing is for all who believe and in faith have entered the New Covenant.

The third way of healing is living in the New Covenant itself. If I have accepted Jesus into my life, then I have accepted his identity, and what is in Jesus is mine. Because Jesus cannot be sick, I cannot be sick either. God's word becomes medicine for me. According to Psalm 103:3, the goal of our life on earth should be a life without sin and a life without sickness. Over the centuries, the church has not lived according to God's word and, therefore, has made many compromises in the areas of sin, healing, and provision. Just because we do not see the church victorious and glorious today does not mean that should not be our goal. I believe this book will help all of us study God's word in the area of healing

and bring us closer to the perfection we have in Christ in all ways of healing. I want to thank Josef for his work on this book. He is an example to me of walking in faith, and I believe he will see many more miracles than he has seen so far.

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Pastor of No boundaries Church Prague

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Introduction – God does not change

“God’s healing is biblically precise.

It is philosophically correct.

It is scientifically approved.”

John G. Lake

God is alive. There has never been a time in history when God did not heal. The whole Bible talks about it. The records of church history testify to this. Saint John of Beverly, Saint Bernard, or Saint Francis of Assisi saw miracles. The French Huguenots knew that God heals. It was also experienced by the Waldenses, Martin Luther, John Knox, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, John Wesley, Albert B. Simpson, Andrew Murray, and last but not least, Dorothea Trudel, John Alexander Dowie (Liardon, 1999), Charles Parham, William Seymour, or Marie Woodworth-Etter.

Smith Wigglesworth saw a man’s feet grow from mere stumps (Hibbert, 2009). Fred. F. Bosworth was cured of the then-incurable tuberculosis. After that, he himself began to serve (Liardon, 2011) by healing. A John G. Lake, for example, once ministered to a boy who was born with a malformed skull. The boy’s head changed into the correct shape under Lake’s hands, and the boy, who had been behind in his development until then, was completely healed (Liardon, 1999).

However, healing by the power of God does not just belong in the historical records. The list of people through whom God is healing today is growing rapidly. It is due to the fact that Christ’s followers discover that healing is not about anointed names and special people but about Christ who lives in each of us (Galatians

2:20) and about the Holy Spirit who always wants to act. Therefore, we will not even name our contemporaries who serve by healing. We want each of the readers of this guide to be among them.

Our goal is to bring a solid biblical foundation for healthy living and healing ministry to each of us. We each need to decide what is true and why we believe what we believe. It is necessary for each of us to believe God's word for ourselves. We want to awaken in all of us a desire for God, for his power, for true Christianity, which we may not have even thought about. We want to hate sickness as much as we hate sin. We want to have a desire to know God more, to stand on his word and to be fully aware that it is Jesus, not the Devil, who has all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18). We pray that the church will arise in the power of God and in spiritual understanding and that the days of heaven will come on earth (Deuteronomy 11:21). Amen.

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New Testament

God gradually reveals to mankind who man is for him and who He wants to be for man. The biblical record shows that this has been happening since Adam's sin and his alienation from God. God loves man passionately, and that is why he is constantly looking for a way back to him. This gradating story of the mutual relationship between man and God is already evident when reading the entire Old Testament, the first part of the Bible. The Old Covenant culminated in Jesus' first coming when Jesus revealed God as our loving Father (Matthew 6:9-15).

Even on the level of healing, God gradually reveals himself to man throughout history. Already in the first book of the Bible, God healed Abimelech and Abraham's wife Sarah (Genesis 20:17-21:2). Then God introduced himself to the Israelites as Jehovah Rapha, the God who *is* their personal physician (Exodus 15:26), and made the Covenant with them. He further promised to completely remove sickness from their midst (Exodus 23:25-26). Later he showed Moses that there is hope even for the lepers, the unclean (Leviticus 14:1-32). During the journey through the desert, God gave the Israelites a type of Christ (Numbers 21:8-9) and healing for *everyone* who turns to him. Before long, God revealed life in health (Deuteronomy 34:7, Joshua 14:11). A few generations later, God introduced himself to Gideon as Jehovah Shalom – the God who brings peace, health, integrity, and harmony to *every* area of his life (Judges 6:23-24). To Chana, God showed his response to the *commitment* (1 Samuel 1:11,27). Originally barren, Chana had a son.

Under David, God stopped a deadly plague in an entire nation in response to a single prayer (2 Samuel 24:16). David's son Solomon already took *authority* over the *whole* nation, and God through him *in everything blessed* all Israel (1 Kings 8:37-40, Galatians 3:8). When it seemed that the revelation of God's life could not be pushed any further, both Elijah and Elisha resurrect a man (1 Kings 17:17-24, 2 Kings 4:32-37). And finally comes Jesus himself, the Son of God, who completes everything the Old Covenant spoke about and establishes the New Covenant (Matthew 26:26-29). Jesus brought *personal knowledge of God* for everyone, and thus eternal life (John 17:3, Hebrews 8:8-13). Jesus brought the truth of healing from the fear of the transmission of disease to the joy of the transmission of life (Luke 6:17). Moreover, Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and He is still healing – now through his body, the church (Revelation 22:2).

If we have accepted Jesus as Lord of our lives, we have a blood covenant with God to which the whole spiritual world responds. And part of the Covenant between people and God has always been healing and living in health. Healthy living is a spiritual matter (Romans 8:2). The spiritual reality is superior to the physical (2 Kings 6:14-20). For example, the Israelites enjoyed good health for 450 years under the Old Covenant, when God cared for them and kept sickness from them (Deuteronomy 7:12-8:4). The only mention of physicians among the Israelites was in the 9th century before Christ, under King Asa (2 Chronicles 16:11-12). So powerfully was the power of God's Spirit to preserve the human body (1 Thessalonians 5:23). What a strong contrast to

the spirit of fear that often affects us and destroys (not only) our immunity (2 Timothy 1:7).

How much more should we, in the New Covenant, experience God's power and distinction from the common ways of this world? We live in the time the prophets longed to see (1 Peter 1:10-12). We have the Covenant built on better promises (Hebrews 8:6). Jesus' victory on the cross is valid today, not just somewhere in the future (Liardon, 2000). Today is the day of salvation (Acts 2:17, 2 Corinthians 6:2, 1 Peter 1:5). Today is the time to heal (Ecclesiastes 3:6). In God's protection and God's power rests the whole gospel and Pentecost. The gospel is God's power for salvation from this perverted generation (Romans 1:16, Acts 2:40). Let us be a light to this world (Philippians 2:15).

The Greek word for salvation, *soteria*, means "healing, provision, salvation, safe execution by life", not just salvation and life with God for eternity. Salvation is comprehensive, involving the rebirth of our spirit, the liberation of our soul, and the healing of our body (Luke 4:18-19). Christianity is salvation even from *this* generation (Acts 2:40). A Christian, a man of God, is redeemed from the power of sin, is free from sin and lives above it. A Christian is free from the world and disease and is defined by God's word. The Bible shows us this vision of Christianity. We need to see the position of the *believer* (Mark 9:23).

Just as God through Adam brought the human species into the world, so through the Lord Jesus He brought into the world a new kind of people (new creatures – Galatians 6:15, 2 Corinthians 5:17). To bring this closer to God, Jesus sent the Holy Spi-

rit at the end of his ministry (Acts 2:32). He himself explains to us how we can and should walk this earth as God's children (John 16:4). The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of sonship, and without him we cannot walk in the fullness of God's children (Romans 8:16).

We need to look at the world through the eyes of God's children. Being God's children shows our position in the spiritual world. The prototype of the Son of God is Jesus, and therefore, we too need to imitate him *in everything* (Galatians 4:19). And from Jesus' life, *dominion* over the elements (Mark 4:39-41) and diseases (Luke 7:8-10) was clearly visible. In the spiritual world, we rule through Jesus Christ (Romans 1:4, Romans 5:17, Ephesians 5:17). But it is up to us whether we grasp this fact or not (Genesis 1:26-27, Psalm 8:5-7, Galatians 3:26-4:7). Our position in the spiritual world is not defined by our thoughts and feelings. Our spiritual position is defined by God's word (James 1:23).

Jesus took our sins and sicknesses upon himself (Isaiah 53:1-12), paid for them, and redeemed us from their power. Moreover, He enabled us to enter the Kingdom of God (Daniel 2:27-45, Matthew 4:17). And it is from this perspective that each of us needs to look at our current life. We need to grasp what happened at Calvary and see that we have already been transferred into the kingdom of the Son of God (Colossians 1:13-14). Once understood, these spiritual realities begin to define our physical lives. We will begin to be a part of God's plans that He has here on earth. He counts us in them. At the same time, we become aware of the enemy, the Devil, who destroys and binds humanity.

Jesus came to introduce us to God the Father (John 1:18). God is light and in him there is no darkness (1 John 1:5). God is good (Luke 18:19, James 1:17). God is not unpredictable (James 1:17). On the contrary, he is legible and reveals himself and his will to us in his word (John 15:7). We can know God's will (Romans 11:33-12:2). Our God is not Zeus who sends lightning from the sky. God does not take our loved ones from us, nor does He punish them with diseases (Matthew 5:45). God is not one who steals, kills and destroys (John 10:10). The devil lost to God on the cross of Christ. So now he has no choice but to slander God and deceive mankind (John 8:44).

The devil is the one who gives diseases (Luke 13:17, Acts 10:38), works evil among people and kills them. But he attributes all this to God so that people do not look to God for salvation. But when someone believes in God, the Devil tries to lie to him that nothing happened on the cross, that the cross has no value and that there is no power in Christianity. And so even many people who have accepted Jesus as Lord in their lives are troubled, they think that God has forgotten them and that the time of miracles has long passed. So let us not jump on the Devil's lead, let us examine his traps. Let us believe God's word (Romans 1:17). Let us get a true and at the same time simple perspective of God and thus a healthy view for our life. God is stronger than the Devil (Luke 10:18-20). God is on our side (Psalm 54:6). There is a time of God's favour that continues (Luke 4:19, Acts 1:1). So let us take this knowledge and spread it further.

Regarding healing and ministering healing, we need to be clear about other things. The Old Testament shows how God *had* to deal with man because of sin and the hardness of man's heart (Ezekiel 11:19-20). In the New Covenant, the Lord Jesus reveals to us how God *wants* and desires to deal with man. Jesus came to reveal the Father to us and to reveal God's will (John 1:16). Jesus paid for our healing and forgave our sins (Isaiah 53:1-12). Where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also healing (Matthew 9:1-7). It is not us, but Jesus who deserves our healing (Matthew 8:16-17). Moreover, Jesus did not only heal. Jesus *is* the resurrection and the life (John 11:25). Eternal life is his nature. And now ours (Romans 8:10). When we have been forgiven, we have access to God's life (Ephesians 4:18, Romans 8:2). We are one with him (John 15:1-2, Romans 8:31-39). We have the same desires, the same nature, power and inclinations (2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 2 Peter 1:3-4). Not only is He able to heal us or use us, but He wants to. God wants us (Matthew 8:1-4) to be healthy and wants us to serve by healing (Acts 1:1).

And the ministry of healing is another aspect of our Covenant with God that the Bible shows us. Through Abraham, the forefather of our faith, God first healed (Genesis 20:17). God brought the Israelites out of Egypt to serve him (Exodus 7:16). In the same way, we are to serve the gospel (Romans 15:15-21). We are blessed, and we are a blessing (Genesis 12:1-3). Again, this is also true in the area of healing. In the New Covenant, we are each priest, we have access to God, and our responsibility is to spread God's word (Hosea 4:6, 1 Peter 2:9). Our role is to reconcile pe-

ople to God (Romans 15:16, 2 Corinthians 5:20). Here is another connection to healing. Healing is reconciliation with God in the physical sense of the word (2 Chronicles 30:18-20). That is why we are to cast out demons and heal the sick. Note that Jesus never sent his disciples to pray for the sick but to heal them (Matthew 10:8). Therefore, the early church was clear about God's will for healing. *They knew* God's will (Matthew 6:10 – heaven), and so faith was loosed in them. Therefore, they prayed for the sick, and all were healed, not just some (Acts 4:23-31, Acts 5:12-16). “They did not believe in their faith”, but they had faith in God, who is the Healer (1 Thessalonians 1:10).

The people in the early church were not exceptional. The apostle Peter also writes about us that we have the same rare faith as him (2 Peter 1:1). We have the same measure of faith, not less (Romans 12:3). Let us plant the seed of God's word concerning our healing and God's healing through us firmly in our hearts, water it with God's word, prayer, and our actions (John 4:34), and like experienced farmers, let us reap what we have sown (Bosworth, 2000). Let us not be people who give up after the first prayer. A doctor also does not close his office when one patient does not get well and does not even make an excuse. He continues to do what he *believes*. So let us not throw the responsibility on God either. Let us make a commitment to God and stand firm with him on his word (Daniel 3:17-18, Hebrews 11:34).

It may seem too simple to us, but let us not be like the pagan Naaman, who expected something complicated and almost missed his healing because of it (2 Kings 5:10-15). We do not think there

is any reason for our not being healed. Jesus did not deal with why or how anyone got sick. He preferred to give people a helping hand. So let us be more aware of God and agree with him. Let us be wise and believe his word (1 Chronicles 17:23, Romans 4:17-21, Hebrews 4:2). We have the whole letter from God. It is directly Jesus' *testament*. God is a spirit who loves man and wants to heal him from head to toe (Acts 3:16). God confirms his word, so let us boldly proclaim his word (2 Corinthians 4:13, Mark 11:22-24).

There is power in words, and they come true (Proverbs 18:21, John 1:12). Such is already its essence (Hebrews 11:1-3). It's nothing mystical. In the same way, each of us in our lives *obey* the words we believe, *act* according to them and *spread* them. So why not pay attention to God's words? God's word is a light to our path (Psalm 43:3). It *is life* to us (Proverbs 4:18-23). God's word is God's method of healing (Psalm 107:20). A healthy life is our heritage. It was bestowed upon us by the stripes of Christ (Isaiah 53:4-5). So let us study God's word persistently, let us gain understanding (Joshua 1:5-9, Proverbs 4:5). When we accept God's word, understand it and hold fast to it, then it brings benefit in our lives (Matthew 13:23, Mark 4:20, Luke 8:15, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). The devil is aware that even in a small seed of God's word, the whole tree is hidden (Matthew 13:31-32). Let us not let him steal God's word from us (Matthew 13:1-23).

So let us renew our minds with the word of God, so that "streams of living water flow from within us" (John 7:37-39) without hindrance (Romans 12:1-2). Our thoughts and ideas limit God's action through us (Ephesians 3:20). Let us think joyfully and vic-

toriously (Romans 14:17). As God's children, let us judge each teaching based on whether we will be more or less like Jesus after applying it. We need to constantly exalt God's word. This gradually changes our life experiences (Psalm 119:89).

A Christian should not be a person who lives in fear of the (corona)virus, but on the contrary knows his God and lives *for him* (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). Let us not tremble at any other words than those of God (Daniel 11:32). Consider, for example, John G. Lake (Liardon, 1999). This man of God went to serve in Africa 100 years ago when there was a plague epidemic. He did not get sick and, on the contrary, healed others. He had a renewed mind (Romans 8:1-6). He knew that he had passed from death to life (John 5:24). He realized that he was God's son (John 12:24, Romans 8:19, Hebrews 2:10). He was a born-again person like every one of us who believed in Jesus. So let us be people who *know* the Father. For as He is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:4). He is almighty (Genesis 17:1). He is the Healer (Exodus 15:26). Only as sons will we receive the gospel of the kingdom of God to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). Let us be a church that does not live in fear and that the gates of hell will not prevail against (Matthew 16:18, Hebrews 2:15).

Let us not distance ourselves from our position in the spiritual world nor from our responsibilities and privileges connected with it. On the contrary, let us activate our will and adopt an attitude of uncompromising faith in God's word. Let us get to the point where we are fed up with the disease and decide to end it in our lives and in the lives of everyone around us. Let us persevere

and not stop. This attitude will allow God to use us consistently. Let us not worry about whether we have something to give to the Western world with developed medicine. Let us think. What would it be like to trust God for our health? Would not our lives be freer then? Then, would not the worldwide mission of the church be without obstacles? On the other hand, let us not judge whether someone is taking medicine or not, rather let us believe for their recovery along with them.

Let us grasp God's word, establish it in our hearts and spread it further (2 Corinthians 4:13). Let God's word work in our lives, and let it bear fruit through our lives (Mark 4:1-20). Let us listen to God, not be afraid to step out, and let us take to the streets and set up a website, a healing room, or a phone line. And let us show the world what our God is like! Let us not deceive ourselves (James 1:22). We represent Jesus here on earth, so make it worth it (Hebrews 10:9, Psalm 40:8, John 16:23, John 17:18). We are called to be obedient to the word of God (Romans 1:5, Romans 16:26). Let us spread the gospel further (Matthew 28:18-20). If we do not move, the Holy Spirit has nothing to help (John 14:16, Romans 8:26-27). So let us do God's word, and the Holy Spirit will help us. He is our helper. Let us start with what we already know, and the Lord will multiply everything that our hand touches (Joshua 1:3, Psalm 1:1-3).

1 Kingdom demonstration

“Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.”

Matthew 4:23

Healing is not a reward for obedience, good living, or good works. Healing is a gift (Ephesians 2:8). God is good and wants to give us good gifts (Luke 11:5-13). By healing, sickness, the work of the Devil, is removed (John 10:10, 1 John 3:8). Healing is a military act of God’s kingdom against the powers of darkness (Matthew 24:14, Colossians 1:13-14). The kingdom of God is demonstrated by healing. In the end, everything will be subject to Jesus and God’s rule (1 Corinthians 15:20-28).

Parallel story: Luke 4:14-15

Greek words:

- **to teach** – G1321 – *didaskō* – to teach, to instruct, to act as a teacher; to instill doctrine, to explain
- **to heal** – G2323 – *therapeuō* – to serve, to do service, to heal, to cure, to restore to health
- **every** – G3956 – *pas* – individual, each, every, of every kind, all
- **disease** – G3554 – *nosos* – a malady, an illness, a disease
- **weakness** – G3119 – *malakia* – softness (debility), disease, infirmity, powerlessness, sickness, exhaustion

Notes: _____

Testimony: At the turn of the spring and summer of 2019, I served a friend with anorexia. He weighed around 49 kilos at the time. After the first prayers, I felt that the disease was 70% gone. Since my friend was in a hurry to catch a train, we agreed to pray again in two weeks. This time he was fully healed. I further led him to change his thinking and renew his mind. He was given the task of studying what God teaches about food. But after a few months, the friend still looked the same thing. We discussed everything again. I was still convinced that *was* already healed. Eventually, we found that the judgmental thoughts that occur to him while eating are no longer coming so often and intensely. I encouraged him not to give in to them. In June 2020, he wrote to me that everything was fine; he was eating well, and he was already 67. Praise God!

2 Healing everyone

“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, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.”

Matthew 4:24-25

Jesus healed everyone without distinction. Not just some. God is no respecter of persons (Romans 2:11). God’s mood does not change (James 1:17). Jesus and the apostles constantly use the expressions “every” and “all”. God is not Zeus, but our Father. The Bible is written so that people *believe* in God’s limitless power. Let us accept it for ourselves. God wants to be a Father and Healer for each of us.

Greek words:

- **to be afflicted** – G2192 – *echō* – to hold, to own, to be in state of, to be closely attached to someone (friendship, marriage, service, duty)
- **to hold** – G4912 – *synechō* – to hold together; to compress; to push from every side; to hold completely; be kept by work, be kept by learning the word
- **torment** – G931 – *basanos* – a touchstone, an instrument for torture, to torture, an acute pain, a torment
- **demonized** – G1139 – *daimonizomai* – to be under the influence of a demon, to be possessed by a demon

- **sleepwalker** – G4583 – *selēniazomai* – to be sleepwalking, to suffer from epilepsy; epileptic; be a lunatic

Notes: _____

Testimony: In June 2018, the Lord spoke to me to do smaller evangelizations in the summer in Liberec, Hradec Králové and Pilsen. We named them Connect Start-ups. There used to be about ten of us, half of the people were from Connect, the other half were locals. The goal was for people to see that the Lord is also working through them. And indeed several people saw healing under their hands for the first time in their lives. For example, in Liberec, our friend Jáchym and I approached a person with one shorter leg in the Forum shopping center. He agreed to pray, sat down on a bench, and calmly ate his ice cream. So far, Jáchym and I have been releasing God's power into his leg. I could feel the shorter leg shaking under my hands. Eventually both legs were the same length. The recovered man immediately tried them on and, surprised, began to look for hidden cameras. In the evening, he invited us to a pub where we could witness to his two friends and their children. We also prayed for another one of them, who did not believe in healing and rejected God. However, he could not deny that the pain from his knee had subsided somewhat. It is God's goodness and grace that wins people.

3 Knowing God

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evil-doers!’ ‘Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.’”

Matthew 7:21-24

Even when we talk about a healing ministry that works on principles (Exodus 17:8-13), we must not forget that the most important thing of all is to know God. To know his heart, thoughts, desires (Psalm 31:17).

Parallel story: Luke 6:46-49

Greek words:

- **will** – G2307 – *thelēma* – what one wishes, or is firmly decided, determined to be done; God’s will to bless mankind through Christ; what God desires to be done by us; will, choice, selection, inclination, desire, strong wish; pleasure
- **to know** – G1097 – *ginōskō* – to learn, to gain knowledge not only by the intellect but by perception; to feel; to understand, to know, to love; to understand, to be familiar with; an idiom for intercourse

- **to leave** – G672 – *apochōreō* – to leave, to go away, to depart
- **from** – G575 – *apo* – a separation (from the unit, place); a separation from the origin, a cause; a state of a department; any kind of separation where the communion of two is abolished
- **iniquity** – G458 – *anomia* – a state of lawlessness due to ignorance or violation; a contempt, a contempt of law, an iniquity, a wickedness; an unlawful, sinful person

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Testimony: One Monday morning before Tuesday’s Connect’s evangelism, the Lord informed me that I should pray for someone’s healing in front of all the people of Connect. Both days I wrestled with what it would be like to not heal and publicly “embarrass” myself. Tuesday night after a friend’s sermon I asked if anyone had any pain. A lady came in with a pain in her leg. Together with a preacher-friend, we commanded the pain to leave. The whole time I was thinking: “That will not work.” But the pain left and the young lady, now without any problems, took part in the evangelization. With such thoughts, Satan tempts us to doubt God’s word. Both doubt and faith are related to our ultimate action not with the thoughts only. So let us act in faith in God’s word.

4 Speak with authority

“They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ‘What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!’ ‘Be quiet!’ said Jesus sternly. ‘Come out of him!’ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, ‘What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.’ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.”

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus was an example of a person taught by the Holy Spirit. One of the hallmarks of this was that he spoke and acted with authority (Matthew 7:28-29, Acts 7:22). This was manifested, for example, by the fact that he did not threaten and admonish with “I admonish you”, but He expressed what He wanted to happen (Mark 4:39). Likewise, He did not bless or curse with the words “I bless” and “I curse”, but with words that express it (Genesis 1:28, Genesis 32:27-29, Proverbs 18:21, Mark 11:12-14). Let us also become like that. Let us submit to God and let him teach us so that we become more and more like him (John 6:45, 1 Corinthians 2:13, 1 John 2:27).

Parallel story: Luke 4:31-37

Greek words:

- **impure** – G169 – *akathartos* – impure, unclean (morally – thoughts, life; ceremonially); lecherous, wicked, lustful
- **spirit** – G4151 – *pneuma* – Holy Spirit, spirit of man, movement of wind, spirit; breath; never depersonalized force
- **to shut up** – G5392 – *phimoō* – to shut up, to silence, to become silent, remain speechless, to muzzle
- **to come out** – G1831 – *exerchomai* – to come out of (one's power), to come from (place, assembly), to come out in public; to make known (news, gossip); to extend; to vanish
- **out of** – G1537 – *ek* – from, out, out of; due to; for

Testimony: In the summer of 2016, I went to Slovakia with my dad to arrange my wedding. We stopped at the last Shell gas station in Czechia. I went to the bathroom. On the way back to the car, I saw an elderly Roma woman on a bench. The Lord told me she needed to hear the gospel. I prayed that he would send a servant to her. The Lord told me he was sending me. I briefly told her the gospel. Before we left, she came to see us one more time. We gave her a Bible and money and took her across the border to Slovakia. She shared that God had already rescued her life once when she almost drowned. So I led her to accept Jesus as Lord. And since the lady could not hear me well during the conversation and prayer, after stepping out of the car, I put my hand on her ear and wanted to heal it. Instead of speaking to the disease, I suddenly drove the demon out. The lady began to feel God's presence all over her body and began to hear in both ears.

5 God's will

“When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. ‘I am willing,’ he said. ‘Be clean!’ Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. Then Jesus said to him, ‘See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.’”

Matthew 8:1-4

Jesus came to reveal God the Father to us (John 1:18, Ephesians 3:14-15). As God's Son, Jesus clearly reveals the Father's will to us also regarding healing (John 5:19-21). Now the question is no longer whether healing is God's will or not. The Father's will is for all to be healthy. It is his will, his nature (Revelation 22:2). He is simply like that. He is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25).

Parallel story: Mark 1:40-45, Luke 5:12-16

Greek words:

- **to want** – G2309 – *thelō* – to want, to have in mind, to intend; to be determined, to be decided, to have a purpose; to desire, to wish, to love; to be fond of, to take pleasure in; to decide
- **can** – G1410 – *dynamai* – to be able; to have power (due to abilities, state of mind, circumstances); to be fit, to be empowered

- **to purify** – G2511 – *katharizō* – to make clean, to cleanse (vessels, from leprosy, from sin, corruption); to declare clean; to sanctify by purification, to purge, to purify
- **immediately** – G2112 – *eutheōs* – directly, immediately, shortly
- **leprosy** – G3014 – *lepra* – leprosy; a most offensive, disgusting, dangerous skin disease gradually covering the whole body; skin disease

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Testimony: At the time when I started ministering healing, I once walked past the Main Train Station in Prague. I was quite frustrated at that time because two people rejected the healing prayer. That is when the Holy Spirit said to me: “Focus on me.” I became more alert, and at that moment, I saw out of the corner of my eye a huge man urinating in a bush. The Holy Spirit said to me: “He has prostate problems,” I stopped. As the man climbed out of the bushes, he stopped by a second, similarly sized man. When I almost gave up, they split up. “My man” went to sit behind the wheel of the taxi. That was my moment. I came to the window. He asked where it would go. Me: “Nowhere, but God told me you have prostate problems. Is it true?” With tears in his eyes, he replied that it was and that he had been praying for it for a long time. I prayed for him and let him go. God wants us to be the answers to other people’s prayers.

6 Say a word

“When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him: ‘Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.’ [Jesus] said to him: ‘I will come and heal him.’ But the centurion replied: ‘Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go’ and he goes, and to another, ‘come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.’ When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, ‘Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ And to the centurion Jesus said, ‘Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.’ And the servant was healed at that very moment.”

Matthew 8:5-13

The centurion recognized one aspect of faith that was evident in Jesus’ life – the submission to God. And this should be evident in our lives as well (James 4:6-7; 1 Kings 17:1-18:2). Moreover, once the people were certain that it was God’s will to heal them, the centurion understood that Jesus only needed to say the word for a person to be healed. For in the spiritual world, space does not matter. Ultimately, this is what Jesus is highlighting – that the child of God has authority over sickness. As kings we speak

in authority (Ecclesiastes 8:4). We were created by God in his sovereignty to do so (Genesis 1:26). Faith is tied with authority (Mark 4:39-41). Authority is something given, conferred, not felt (Matthew 28:18-20). We have authority even when we do not feel it. We can think of ourselves as “spiritual policemen” who oversee order. Christ is our uniform (Galatians 3:27), and we represent our heavenly government that stands behind us (2 Corinthians 5:20). God is a God of faith (2 Corinthians 4:13) and wants us to live according to whom we believe.

A parallel story: Luke 7:1-10

Greek words:

- **terribly** – G1171 – *deinōs* – terribly, awfully, cruelly
- **to suffer** – G928 – *basanizō* – to torture, to afflict with grievous pains; to be afflicted, exhausted, tormented; to strain oneself; to afflict the soul by unlawful acts; to test with a touchstone
- **to believe** – G4100 – *pisteuō* – to be persuaded; to put one’s trust in; to entrust a thing to someone; to be entrusted; to acknowledge a fact, an event
- **to become** – G1096 – *ginomai* – to become, to come into existence, to occur, to appear in history; to be made, completed (of performed, caused miracles)
- **to heal** – G2390 – *iaomai* – to heal, to make healthy (without error, sin; to bring salvation)

7 Laying of hands

“And when Jesus entered Peter’s house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. 15He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him.”

Matthew 8:14-15

Jesus healed everyone, the sick with fever, the lepers and the demonized. He made no distinction, a sickness as a sickness, a sin as a sin. When we touch anything, we pass on our DNA. The same is true in healing. The Almighty God who is the Healer lives in us, and so we leave his imprint everywhere we lay our hands (Acts 2:22, Acts 19:11). It is a fact. Either we believe nothing is happening when we lay our hands, or we believe something is (Hebrews 6:1-2). Believe rather the word of God (John 7:17, John 7:37-39).

A parallel story: Mark 1:29-31, Luke 4:38-39

Greek words:

- **to have a fever** – G4445 – *pyressō* – to have a fever, being sick of a fever
- **to touch** – G680 – *haptomai* – to cling to, to touch; to attach to; to adhere to
- **hand** – G5495 – *cheir* – (mighty) a hand, a hand of God; a power, a government
- **fever** – G4446 – *pyretos* – a fever
- **to leave** – G863 – *aphiēmi* – to dismiss; to send away (in divorce); to neglect; to omit, to forgive; not to hinder, to admit

Notes: _____

Testimony: While visiting the church in Teplice, we went to a local park for a while to heal the sick and preach the gospel. In the park we approached a group of young people that drink alcohol. There were several people in the group who had various health problems. At first we were met with ridicule, but after a short conversation several of them agreed to let us minister healing to them. One of them had back pain and a deaf ear, another had a broken collarbone. After a while, both confirmed to the others that their problems were gone. This made other people in the group want us to minister to them also.

8 It is in the sacrifice

“That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: ‘He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.’”

Matthew 8:16-17

Sickness was never part of the original order of things (Romans 5:12). Therefore, God sent his Son to pay for our sicknesses as well as our sins (1 Peter 2:24-25). Only the healing of all will fulfil the prophecy about the Messiah (Isaiah 53:4-5). And only the healing of all will fulfil Isaiah’s prophecy today.

Greek words:

- **to fulfil** – G4137 – *plēroō* – to fulfil, to make full; completed, finished; to realize, to bring into effect (prophecy, promise); to bring to completion, to attain, to accomplish, to carry out; to fulfil; to receive fulfilment
- **by** – G1223 – *dia* – through (place, time, means); because of, for, on account of
- **to take** – G2983 – *lambanō* – to take, to take in hand; to take one’s own, to make one’s own, to take possession; to accept (offered); to select; to acquire, to obtain; to be punished
- **weaknesses** – G769 – *astheneia* – a lack of strength, weakness, infirmity, weakness of the body (natural, sickness), and of the soul (to understand, to resist corrupt desires, to

endure afflictions, to do great and glorious things); a spirit causing sickness

- **to carry** – G941 – *bastazō* – to put together, to take up for the purpose of carrying, to bear something burdensome, to endure, to bear, to carry away; to steal, to misappropriate

Notes: _____

Testimony: In 2018 and 2019, my friends and I always went on a week-long road trip through Czech cities. The goal was to preach the gospel and heal the sick, following the example of Matthew and Luke 10. We went on the road without money, credit cards, or food. We relied on God to provide. The first year we were four people, the second year we were ten. The Lord worked mightily and took care of us, and together, in both years, we saw over seventy improvements or complete healings right on the street and something between thirty and forty converts. One of the healings I experienced in the city of Sazava was with my co-author, Tom. We were walking down the street, and over the fence, we saw an elderly man spraying plants in his garden and wrongly moving his knee. He said he had been a bricklayer all his life, so he was suffering from the effects of the work. Without putting our hands, we commanded to the knee over the fence three times until the man could move it like the other one. Praise God that his sacrifice is greater than what we went through in life.

9 A clear goal

“And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, ‘Everyone is looking for you.’ And he said to them. ‘Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.’”

Mark 1:35-39

Jesus ministered to people, but He was still goal-oriented. He healed everyone in one place and went to preach and heal everyone elsewhere. Similar stories are known about John G. Lake (Liar-don, 1999).

A parallel story: Matthew 8:18-22, Luke 4:42-44

Greek words:

- **desolated** – G2048 – *erēmos* – lonesome, desolated, isolated, uninhabited (of a place, person); desert, wilderness
- **to preach** – G2784 – *kēryssō* – to be a messenger; to act as a messenger formally, seriously, with authority, so that the message must be heard and obeyed; to proclaim, to preach, to announce; to declare something that has happened
- **whole** – G3650 – *holos* – all; completely; whole; in whole
- **to cast out** – G1544 – *ekballō* – to cast out, to throw out, to send away (a person, a demon); to make leave (violently or non-violently); to send out, to spread; to remove, to omit

- **demon** – G1140 – *daimonion* – demon, evil spirit; supernatural power, deity, god, spirit less than God

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Testimony: At the “Transformations 2017” conference, we went for a lunch break to a Shopping Mall. During the break, we saw the boys with crutches. I went up to him and asked if he wanted to be healed. He said, “Yeah.” He had something wrong with his ankle. I asked him if I could put my hands on it. He said, “Yes.” I released the power of God and asked if he could step on it. “Yes,” he said. “So you were healed?” was my next question. “Yes,” He answered me. He got a card for his parents and finally went home with a surprised look over his shoulder.

10 Dunamis

“And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one might pass that way. And behold, they cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, [O Son of God]? Have you come here to torment us before the time?’ Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, saying ‘If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs.’ And he said to them, ‘Go.’ So they came out and went into the [pigs], and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, especially what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their region.”

Matthew 8:28-34

People are often afraid of the demonized. Demons look powerful, but let us remember that the one within us is greater (1 John 4:4). That means we do not have to be afraid of anyone. The Holy Spirit can manifest even more than demons. We are the light of the world, and the Lord Jesus wants to shine through us (2 Corinthians 4:6-7). In this story with the legion of demons, another thing is revealed. This world teaches us that we must be specialists in everything. We need to know specifically what the problem is and then address it. We try to figure out all the details. God’s power, on the other hand, works like positive dynamite – we speak in faith with a purpose and then it comes to pass (Mark 11:22-24,

Acts 1:8, 2 Thessalonians 1:11). Moreover, we can see that the freed man wanted to follow Jesus, but he sent him away to preach the gospel. Let us not be narrow-minded. So let us extend the kingdom of God, not our ministry.

A parallel story: Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-39 **Greek words:**

- **greatly** – G3029 – *lian* – greatly, very, considerably, completely, extremely, beyond all limits
- **fierce** – G5467 – *chalepos* – difficult, hard; hard to do, to grasp, to access, to bear; making life unpleasant; dangerous, harsh, cruel, ruthless; fierce, brutal, barbaric
- **might** – G2480 – *ischyō* – to be strong (physically, healthy), to have power, to be able, to be a force, to exert strength; to wield, to use power; to benefit, to profit; to be useful
- **time** – G2540 – *kairos* – an established measure, standard of time; a fixed time, a definite time; an occasion, a proper time; a limited period of time, a period of time
- **to beseech** – G3870 – *parakaleō* – to demand, to claim; to summon, to call; to rebuke, to admonish; to encourage, to strengthen, to teach, to instruct; to delight, to rejoice

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11 Confirm the teaching

“Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, ‘Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.’ At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, ‘This fellow is blaspheming!’ Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, ‘Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, »our sins are forgiven«, or to say, »Get up and walk«? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.’ So he said to the paralyzed man, ‘Get up, take your mat and go home.’ Then the man got up and went home.”

Matthew 9:1-7

Jesus breaks all our myths and traditions about healing. Here He used healing to confirm his teaching on the forgiveness of sins (1 Corinthians 4:19-20). Jesus states that it is just as easy to forgive sins as it is to heal the sick. Reconciliation with God brings healing (2 Paralipomenon 30:18-20). Sickness is a tribulation for our body just as sin is for the soul. The Lord Jesus has delivered us from both (Romans 8:1-2). The same Greek word is even sometimes used for both healing and forgiveness. God, unlike the Devil, forgets our transgressions (Jeremiah 31:34; Ephesians 6:11).

A parallel story: Mark 2:1-11, Luke 5:17-25

Greek words:

- **to bring** – G4374 – *prospherō* – to bring, to bear towards, to lead to, to present; to be brought, to be sacrificed, to meet

- **paralyzed** – G3885 – *paralytikos* – paralytic, disabled, weak of limb, invalid; suffering from the relaxing of the nerves of one's side
- **to lay** – G906 – *ballō* – to throw, to cast; to lay, to put, to cast in; to cast into, to pour (water)
- **to take heart** – G2293 – *tharseō* – to be of good courage; be of good cheer, conviction; to be in good spirit; to have confidence, to rise up, to be courageous
- **easy** – G2123 – *eukopōteros* – easy, with easy labour

Testimony: Another habit of ours in recent years has become service at esoteric festivals. Many people seeking the truth end up in the clutches of witchcraft and occultism because they see no power in Christianity. So we minister to people by the power of God through the name of Jesus Christ in these places. From the last day of the three-day Ezo Festival in Prague in September 2019 is the following testimony. A lady came to us because her husband had been healed through the ministry of the Holy Spirit the previous day. Earlier she had tried her Reiki practices on him but to no avail. So she came for healing of her headache. Our friend James briefly released the power of God and the pain was gone. People at Ezo festivals believe all kinds of things, the improvement on the ground here was felt by almost everyone we prayed for. In total, we saw over 100 on-the-spot improvements or healings with the people of Connect over the summer of 2019. A third on the Roadtrip, a third in ministry around the Czech congregations, and a third at this particular esoteric festival.

12 Authority of man

“When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.”

Matthew 9:8

Jesus did not heal because He was God. God gave the power to heal to people. So let us renew our minds and understand that as children of God – new creatures – we are on earth to destroy the works of the devil (2 Corinthians 5:14-21, 1 John 3:8), and to represent God’s interests and not our own (Matthew 16:23, Philippians 2:1-11).

A parallel story: Mark 2:12, Luke 5:26

Greek words:

- **to be filled with awe** – G2296 – *thaumazō* – to wonder (at), to marvel, to be wondered at, to have in admiration, to be admired
- **to praise** – G1392 – *doxazō* – to render glorious, to concede, to praise, to magnify, to celebrate, to honour; to clothe with splendour, to adorn with lustre
- **to give** – G1325 – *didōmi* – to give (something to someone); to give of one’s own accord, to supply; to give to someone as his own (something, someone); to entrust, to commit; to provide a place, an opportunity; to guarantee
- **men** – G444 – *anthrōpos* – a human being, generally all human individuals; a man

- **authority** – G1849 – *exousia* – a power of choice, a liberty of doing “as one pleases”, to leave a permit; a physical and mental power; an authority, one who possesses authority; a sign of authority; a power, a rule

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Testimony: Once I got off the tram one stop early so I could pray for a young man my age who was on crutches. His name was Paul. I prayed for his leg, which was crooked from a triple fracture. After God’s power was released, the leg straightened out. Coincidentally, I met Paul again a few months later at the same bus stop. Again he was walking on crutches. He said he was afraid to walk without them. I encouraged him that he was healed, so he did not need crutches. He put them away, started walking like a healthy person, and gave his life to Jesus. Together we then went to one nearby park and prayed for another person who had knee problems. Paul was able to experience the very day of his conversion that God wanted to heal through him. In addition, he was able to get a job in a short time. He had not been able to get one before because of his crutches.

13 Entering spiritual reality

“When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, ‘My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.’... While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. ‘Your daughter is dead,’ they said. ‘Why bother the teacher anymore?’ [Overhearing] what they said, Jesus told him, ‘Don’t be afraid; just believe.’ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, ‘Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.’ But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha koum!’, which means ‘Little girl, I say to you, get up!’ Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.”

Mark 5:21-23.35-43

Jesus is peace (Ephesians 2:14). He went to heal a dying man, but because He tarried on the way, the man died. This did not Jesus concerned (Isaiah 26:3, Isaiah 28:16), and He still encouraged the

father of the dead man not to give up. Finally, he drove out those who mourned for the dead and raised her up. Someone has to stand on God's word, and Jesus shows us to be such people for others (1 Kings 17:8-16). We always believe some words, so why not God's (Romans 4:17-25)?

A parallel story: Matthew 9:18.23-26, Luke 8:40-42a.49-56

Greek words:

- **to behold** – G2400 – *idou* – behold!; to see, to behold
- **to see** – G1492 – *eidō* – to see, to perceive with the eyes (by the senses); to recognize, to detect, to know; to have knowledge, familiarity; to be skilled at something; to pay attention, to take care
- **to die** – G2079 – *eschatōs* – extreme, to be in the last gasp, at the point of death
- **to save** – G4982 – *sōzō* – to save, to keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction, to save, to save from suffering (from sickness)
- **to live** – G2198 – *zaō* – to live, to breathe, to be among the living; to be strong, to be full of strength, full of life; living water; to come alive, to return to life

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14 Who sets the time?

“So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, ‘If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.’ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ his disciples answered, ‘You see the people crowding against you, and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’” But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.’”

Mark 5:24-34

God is often people’s last hope, and Jesus was aware of it. The woman with the issue of blood was, according to the Law, unclean (Leviticus 15:19-33), and God did not even tell her that she would be healed. She herself meditated on the Scriptures (Zechariah 8:23, Malachi 3:20), believed the word, and came in faith and touched Jesus. We see that she herself determined the time of her healing (Mark 11:22-24). This is an important thought about the faith in God. We are not just puppets but co-workers with God (Exodus

8:5-9; Exodus 8:25-27). Paul tells the believers that “Behold, now is the most welcome time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:1-2). Let us, therefore, set our healing for today and not depart from it. Taking God’s word as God’s word and standing on it is a day of rest (2 Corinthians 1:20, Hebrews 4:1-16, Hebrews 10:36). Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth. The devil may have some ability, but he has no authority (Matthew 28:18, John 10:10).

A parallel story: Matthew 9:19-22, Luke 8:42b-48

Greek words:

- **to press around** – G4918 – *synthlibō* – to compress, to press on all sides
- **stream** – G4511 – *rhysis* – a flowing issue, a flux; an issue
- **blood** – G129 – *aima* – a human, animal blood; a blood shed (by violence, murder), the seat of life
- **suffering** – G3148 – *mastix* – a whip, a scourge; an affliction, a plague, a pestilence, an epidemics, an infestation, a calamity
- **to realize** – G1921 – *epiginōskō* – to know thoroughly; to be thoroughly acquainted with; to know exactly; to recognize (by hearing); to perceive who a person is; to know (perceive, understand, find out)

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15 Unbelief will not stop you

“Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. ‘Where did this man get these things?’ They asked. ‘What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?’ And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.’”

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus was taught wisdom from above (James 3:13-18). He knew that if he had faith in God, no one could stop him. Nothing can stop love (1 Corinthians 12:31-13:1). Jesus healed despite the unbelief of others, though on a smaller scale. When people accepted him, the word spread, and they brought the sick from everywhere. Not so in his hometown, hence he healed few sick there. Moreover, we can see Jesus’ focus. Luke records that they wanted to throw him off a cliff for these actions, but Jesus walked through their midst and went to cast out demons and heal in Capernaum. Mark immediately afterwards again records the story of sending the twelve, and not long after that, he sent the seventy (Luke 10:1-12). It is as if Jesus wanted to show that the unbelief of his acquaintances would not stop him and that he wanted everyone to heal the sick. Let us take this as an inspiration to ourselves.

A parallel story: Matthew 13:53-58, Luke 4:16-30

Greek words:

- **astonished** – G1605 – *ekplēssō* – to astonish, to be amazed; to wonder with a gasp; to surprise; to strike with astonishment; to leave with a gasp; to drive out, to drive away
- **without honour** – G820 – *atimos* – disrespected, despised, without honour, unhonoured, disgraced; less important
- **infirm** – G732 – *arrōstos* – without strength, weak, sick, sickly, ailing, infirm
- **prophet** – G4396 – *prophētēs* – a man moved by the Spirit of God is his voice (mouth) and declares with solemnity, especially concerning future events (especially concerning the kingdom of God and its salvation); prophets accompanying the apostles in the church; in the church exhorting, comforting, encouraging, and convicting; a poet; in Greek literature, an interpreter of oracles, or an interpreter of other hidden things
- **disbelief** – G570 – *apistia* – infidelity, disloyalty, treachery, disbelief, faithlessness; lack (weakness) of faith, unbelief

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16 Mercy

“As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out ‘Have mercy on us, Son of David!’ When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them ‘Do you believe that I am able to do this?’ ‘Yes, Lord.’ They replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, ‘According to your faith let it be done to you.’ and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, ‘See that no one knows about this.’ But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.”

Matthew 9:27-31

The Israelites understood healing as an act of mercy. This is why the Psalms are already full of words of mercy (Psalm 13:6, Psalm 17:7, Psalm 23:6, Psalm 103:6). Let us also shift our understanding in terms of mercy toward people and in healing. For example, we can see that the blind men who were healed were disobedient to what Jesus told them. That obviously did not take away from their healing either. Grace is grace.

Greek words:

- **blind man** – G5185 – *typhlos* – blind, blind man; spiritually blind
- **to cry** – G2896 – *krazō* – to hoot (as a raven), to cry out (loudly); to cry out, to pray for vengeance; to speak aloud; to proclaim, to declare
- **to have mercy** – G1653 – *eleeō* – to have mercy; to help the afflicted; to bring help; to obtain mercy

- **to do** – G4160 – *poieō* – to do, to make, to prepare, to be the author of a thing, to execute, to perform; to intend; to obtain, to acquire
- **to open** – G455 – *anoigō* – to open up, to start talking, to be open

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Testimony: In January 2019, the Lord reminded me of the verse “you will stand before the high authorities”. I did not immediately know how to interpret it. Anyway, a month later, the director at the audit firm where I worked invited me to her office. Our Prime Minister wanted this woman to be the Mayor of Prague, she had 300 people working under her, and the Entrepreneur of the Year competition was started in the Czech Republic, for example. A story came to her that I healed a lady from a client in Ústí nad Labem from a toothache just by command, without touching her. Right at the beginning, she asked me if I wanted to quit healing or quit my job. She talked to me, for example, about political correctness, separation of religious and work life. I was given time to think about it. After two weeks, we met again. I testified to her briefly about Jesus and gave a testimony of healing, and she let me go without penalty. Jesus is our life, not our religion. Our struggle is against the powers that be, not the people. So we must not even bow our knees to the neoliberalism that the director, apparently unwittingly, advocated.

17 Be the first

“While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, ‘Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.’ But the Pharisees said, ‘It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons.’”

Matthew 9:32-34

In the Old Testament, Moses, Elijah, and Elisha saw various miracles (for example, 1 Kings 17:1-24). The revelation of the spiritual world, and with it the massive casting out of demons, came only with the New Covenant (Colossians 2:14-15). Therefore, the Israelites were to slay people worshipping other deities (demons – 1 Corinthians 10:14-22), while we are now to cast out demons and bring people into the kingdom of God (Colossians 1:13). Furthermore, the perception of what is possible and what is not is very subjective (Matthew 17:20). Let us not be afraid to pioneer things that no one in our area has seen before.

Greek words:

- **mute** – G2974 – *kōphos* – mute, deaf, dumb, dull, stupid
- **to speak up** – G2980 – *laleō* – to make a sound, to speak, to use language, to articulate, to talk, to use words to declare your opinion and reveal your thoughts
- **never** – G3763 – *oudepote* – never, never before

- **to become** – G5316 – *G5316* – to shine, to glow, to bring to light, to light up; to become bright, exposed; to strike the eyes
- **ruler** – G758 – *G758* – a ruler, a commander, a warlord, a leader, a foreman, a superior; an office, a court

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Testimony: One day in the spring of 2017, I was sitting with an unbelieving college classmate in the cafeteria at lunch. As we finished eating, a student walked by and landed heavily on his left foot. I asked my classmate if he wanted to see healing. He did not want to, but he told me to feel free to go see the man. I went, and after a brief conversation, I put my hands on his leg, but nothing obvious happened. He was looking at me. The heat was pouring over me. I said it would be okay, and I quickly left. From then on, I was almost afraid to go to the canteen. Three weeks later, when I was carrying a tray in the canteen, someone tugged on my sleeve, saying: “Josef, Josef!” I turned around and was horrified to see that it was “the student”. How much more delighted I was when he began to say that the next morning after our first meeting, he woke up perfectly healthy! Praise God! Let us step out in faith and do not step back.

18 Moved by compassion

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’”

Matthew 9:35-38

Often we have only human compassion for others, we feel sorry for them. But Jesus shows us that there is a deeper compassion, a compassion of the Spirit. This kind of compassion moves things (Colossians 3:12). In addition, for example, by compassion John Wesley also healed his horse (Liardon, 2000).

Greek words:

- **to have compassion** – G4697 – *splagchnizomai* – to have mercy; to be moved within (in the bowels), hence to be moved with compassion; to have compassion (within is the place of love and compassion, pity)
- **harvest** – G2326 – *therismos* – a harvest; the time of the harvest; the gathering of the people for the kingdom of God; the time of the final judgment
- **plentiful** – G4183 – *polys* – many, numerous, great, extensive; very numerous; most; more numerous
- **worker** – G2040 – *ergatēs* – a worker, a helper, a labourer, a (hired) worker (especially in agriculture); an agent

- **few** – G3641 – *oligos* – few, little (of quantity, time, intensity); a little, a few; shortly, briefly

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Testimony: Twice in the summer of 2019, I was approached by a person I had served before. Once, it was on Charles Square and the second time on a tram in Žižkov. In neither of these cases did I see any difference immediately at the first meeting. At the second meeting, everything was different. The gentleman from Charles Square wanted me to pray for him again. According to his own words, “everything” had improved since the last time. Even the man from the darkness remembered me. His leg had improved since the last time, so he wanted to release God’s power again. In addition, he asked me to pray for his friend who was suffering from psoriasis. The release of life life brings.

19 Sending out the Twelve

“Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: »The kingdom of heaven has come near.« Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give. Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts – no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep. Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. As you enter the home, give it your greeting. If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.’”

Matthew 10:1-2.5-15

Compassion for the people led Jesus to take the next step – sending out the disciples. He told them to pray for the harvest workers. And he found them in themselves. So it is with us. We are called to be with Jesus and to cast out demons (Mark 3:14-15). The word “send” is the same as that used for “casting out” demon. Going into God’s harvest is not an option; it is a command for us. It is to be obeyed (Matthew 8:8-10, Romans 1:5). At the same

time, it is clear that Jesus gave the disciples authority over every disease and every demon, not the wisdom to find every root of disease. When we have a clear goal – healing – it is not important to know how the problem arose. What is important is that it goes away. We have spiritual dominion. So it does not matter if we are up against a spiritual attack, a psychosomatic illness, or a purely physical problem. The Spirit of God is superior to all other spirits, soul and body.

A parallel story: Mark 3:14-15, Mark 6:6-13, Luke 9:1-6

Greek words:

- **to send** – G649 – *apostellō* – to order someone to go to a fixed place; to send away; to order to leave; to permit to leave; to dismiss; to drive away, to repel
- **to command** – G3853 – *parangellō* – to (expressly) order, to command; to proclaim, to announce, to bring a message
- **to approach** – G1448 – *engizō* – to approach; to come; to bring near; to attach one thing to another; to draw near; to be nigh
- **the Heaven** – G3772 – *ouranos* – the firmament with the sky and all visible objects on it; the universe, the world; the starry sky; the sky with the clouds; the abode of the order of things eternal and completely perfect; the place where God and other celestial beings dwell
- **freely** – G1432 – *dōrean* – freely, unrestrictedly, undeservedly; for free, as a gift

20 Does Jesus offend us?

“After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him: ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’ Jesus replied, ‘Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy[fn] are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.’”

Matthew 11:1-6

Let us not be offended by Jesus. He himself warns us of this (Matthew 10:41). We, the church, often do not understand healing and are disappointed because we pray without result (Hebrews 12:15). We need to be like children, trusting God to get us to where we need to be (Mark 10:15, Luke 18:17). Just as when we were learning to walk and fell a few times in the process, let us now look for ways to live like Jesus. Let us not settle for anything less and look for reasons why we cannot live like him (Luke 6:40; Matthew 10:24-25). Without faith, we cannot please God (Hebrews 11:6). Besides, Jesus reveals later in this chapter that healing (it can be a process) and miracles (they happen right away) are meant to lead to repentance and life change (Matthew 11:21-30). Even if they do not, God will not take away the healing. He is good even to the ungrateful and the wicked (Matthew 5:43-48).

A parallel story: Luke 7:18-22

Greek words:

- **to command** – G1299 – *diatassō* – to command; to order; to ordain; to arrange thoroughly; to appoint; to prescribe; to instruct
- **deed** – G2041 – *ergon* – a deed, an act; a business, an affair, a work, an occupation; a thing; any product (industrial, handmade, product of the mind)
- **to report** – G518 – *apangellō* – to report, to announce; to proclaim, to bring news (from a person, about a thing), to inform, to declare; to make publicly known
- **blessed** – G3107 – *makarios* – blessed, happy, supremely blessed, fortunate
- **to get offended** – G4624 – *skandalizō* – to put a stumbling block, to entice to sin, to cause to fall away; to be offended in one, to fall away; to cause one to judge unfavourably or unjustly of another; to make indignant; to be displeased

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21 Who had faith?

“Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, ‘Don’t cry!’ Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, ‘Young man, I say to you, get up!’ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. ‘A great prophet has appeared among us’ they said. ‘God has come to help his people.’ This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.”

Luke 7:11-17

Some people inaccurately teach that one must have faith to be healed. Jesus is showing a much deeper point here. Weary along the way He had faith to raise the widow’s son. No one asked him about the resurrection, nor did anyone beg for it. We might as well ask who had faith in Lazarus and who had faith in Jesus (Hebrews 5:7). Someone must believe in God, who is the Healer (Exodus 15:26). When we minister healing, it should be us. In order to live in health, one must already believe God’s word himself. To believe is to “have a sound mind, convinced and comforted by the word of God” (Isaiah 26:3, Hebrews 4:1-16).

Greek words:

- **to be dead** – G2348 – *thnēskō* – to die, to to be dead, to be (spiritually) dead
- **young man** – G3495 – *neaniskos* – a young man, youth; used of a young attendant or servant
- **to get up** – G1453 – *egeirō* – to rise; to cause to rise; to arouse from sleep, to arouse from the sleep of death; to raise up, to produce, to cause to appear, to construct (building), to raise up, to stir up, against one
- **to sit down** – G339 – *anakathizō* – to raise one's self and sit upright, to sit up, to erect
- **to begin** – G756 – *archomai* – to be the first to do (anything), to begin, to be chief, a leader, a ruler; to begin, to make a beginning

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22 Lord of the Sabbath

“Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, ‘Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?’ He said to them, ‘If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.’ Then he said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other.”

Matthew 12:9-14

God is our Provider (Genesis 22:14), and we are more valuable to him than the birds of the air (Matthew 6:26). Likewise, He is our Healer (Exodus 15:26), and we are more valuable to him than sheep. No one can snatch us out of his hand (John 10:29) or separate us from his love (Romans 8:35). Unfortunately, we are often in bondage to bad doctrines, and we are tormented and enslaved by them (John 8:31-34). These doctrines are the teachings of demons (such as a religious spirit), and their goal is to destroy us humans. Furthermore, the religious spirit, for example, opposes the Spirit of God and persecutes men and women of God who minister God’s healing. It happened to Jesus, Peter, and John Alexander Dowie, for example (Liardon, 2000) even though healing is a good work (John 10:32, Acts 4:9). So persecution should not escape us (2 Timothy 3:12). Let us not give up, for our reward is given (Matthew 5:12, Hebrews 11:6).

A parallel story: Mark 3:1-6, Luke 6:6-11

Greek words:

- **withered** – G3584 – *xēros* – dry, shrunk, wasted, withered, members of the body deprived of their natural juices; a land without water
- **it is lawful** – G1832 – *exesti* – it is lawful, may, let
- **more valuable** – G1308 – *diapherō* – to carry, to bear, to carry in different directions, to different places; to differ; to excel, to surpass, to be better than; more valuable, important, making a difference; matters
- **to do good** – G2573 – *kalōs* – beautifully, finely, excellently, well, excellently, nobly, commendably, honourably, in honour, to speak well of one, to do good, to be well (of those recovering health)
- **to stretch out** – G1614 – *ekteinō* – to stretch out, to stretch forth; to pull (towards, through, against); to extend; to lower (an anchor)

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23 The life zoé

“He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. Looking at his disciples, he said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.’”

Luke 6:17-20

Jesus taught and healed, or healed and then taught. It goes hand in hand. People came to him for both. For the words of God are spirit and life (John 6:63). They are even words of eternal life (John 6:68). This life, Greek *zoé*, is real, tangible life that we can radiate and give away. For we have access to this life of God (Ephesians 4:18). We are therefore called to minister God’s word and Spirit of life (2 Corinthians 3:6). Otherwise, we have nothing with which to minister to (Liardon, 1999). Moreover, we do not necessarily need to feel the Spirit of God all the time. It is not that the Holy Spirit has left, but that we have become accustomed to him (Judges 16:20). It is like coming to the mountains where the air is crisp – at first, you enjoy it, but after a while, you get used to it.

Greek words:

- **crowd** – G3793 – *ochlos* – a crowd, a multitude, the multitudes, a crowd (unorganized), people, the populace

- **disciple** – G3101 – *mathētēs* – a follower, a disciple, a student
- **to torment** – G3791 – *ochleō* – to torment, to disturb; to excite a mob against one; to be vexed, molested, troubled (by demons), to be in an uproar, the uproar
- **to strive** – G2212 – *zēteō* – to seek in order to find; to seek a thing; to seek [in order to find out] by thinking, meditating, reasoning, to enquire into, to seek after, seek for, aim at, strive after, to crave, to demand something from someone
- **yours** – G5212 – *hymeteros* – you, yours; to be possessed by you, to be allocated by you; starting, continuing, proceeding from you

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24 Justice to the Nations

“Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. He warned them not to tell others about him. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: ‘Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope.’”

Matthew 12:15-21

Jesus walked by the spirit. The spirit knows things, as opposed to the soul trying to figure them out. Through the baptism of the Spirit, Jesus brought liberating judgments to people, such as healing. By accepting Jesus as Lord, we gain authority in the spirit world, but by the baptism of the Spirit, we gain the ability to fully act as new creatures. Through the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:18-19, Acts 1:8), we are given the power of God to use freely for God’s glory and to set the captives free (1 Samuel 10:6-7, Luke 10:19-20, John 5:21). The consciousness of spiritual dominion over other spirits fills our hearts (Liardon, 1999) if we give the Holy Spirit room to work through us (1 John 4:4).

A parallel story: Mark 3:7-12

Greek words:

- **to expand** – G5318 – *phaneros* – apparent, manifested, evident, known, to be plainly recognised or known
- **delight** – G2106 – *eudokeō* – to take pleasure in, is one's good pleasure, it seems good to one, to decide, to do willingly, to be ready, to prefer, to be well pleased with, to be favourably inclined towards one
- **judgement** – G2920 – *krisis* – a judgement, a trial; a verdict; a separation, a contest, an opinion or a decision given concerning anything, a sentence of condemnation, a damnable judgment, a condemnation and punishment, a right, a justice
- **victory** – G3534 – *nikos* – a victory; to utterly vanquish, a conquest
- **to put the hope** – G1679 – *elpizō* – to hope; in a religious sense, to wait for salvation with joy and full confidence; to trust in hopefully

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25 In the power of Beelzebub

“Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. But some of them said, ‘By Beelzebub, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons.’ Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven. Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: ‘Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebub. Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.’”

Luke 11:14-23

Healing by the power of God is a spiritual thing. God (the Holy Spirit) dwells in us and works through us (Acts 19:11). We are his temple (1 Corinthians 6:19). While it is not advisable to confuse the source of the power from which healing comes through a man of God, Jesus says that people will confuse the source. We give praise and honour to our Lord, to whom is due all honour and thanksgiving (Revelation 5:11-14). So let us not be afraid. Let us give the Holy Spirit all control in our lives so that He can work

through us (Acts 1:8). When the Holy Spirit comes, He takes away the power of the demon. Furthermore, “the house-cleaning” is not just about the deliverance of that one person, but the Lord’s deliverance can also win all people under his influence (Acts 8:4-13). This happened to Lester Sumrall in the Philippines, for example, and a national revival was a result (Dudley, 1993).

A parallel story: Matthew 12:22-32, Mark 3:20-30

Greek words:

- **to divide** – G1266 – *diamerizō* – to divide; to cleave asunder, to cut in pieces; to be divided into opposing parts, to be at variance, in dissension; to be divided
- **then** – G686 – *ara* – therefore, so then, wherefore, then
- **to come** – G5348 – *phthanō* – to come before, to precede, to anticipate, to come to, to arrive at, to reach, to attain to, to prevent
- **to attack** – G1904 – *eperchomai* – to come to arrive; of time, to come on, to be at hand, to be future, to come upon, to overtake, one (of sleep, of disease, of calamities, of the Holy Spirit)
- **to overpower** – G3528 – *nikaō* – to conquer, to get the victory, to prevail, to subdue

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26 An impure spirit

“When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation.”

Matthew 12:43-45

Jesus reveals how things are. He does not say not to cast out demons. He said the very opposite. The devil is trying his best to destroy human identity. Demons cause confusion and turmoil in man. God, on the other hand, lifts man up. By deliverance, we are to bring people to the Lord and let them be filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-19), who is joyful and peaceful (Romans 14:17). Even if people do not turn to the Lord right away, let us still deliver them. Jesus cast demons out of people; they were not baptized with the Holy Spirit right away, nor did they “give their lives to the Lord”. For one retains deliverance by believing the word of the Lord – a liberating statement (Luke 11:24-28, John 8:31-36, John 15:7).

A parallel story: Luke 11:24-26

Greek words:

- **rest** – G372 – *anapausis* – a rest, a recuperation; a place of rest, an intermission, a cessation of any motion, a business or a labour, a rest, a recreation;

- **to sweep** – G4563 – *saroō* – to sweep, to clean by sweeping
- **house** – G3624 – *oikos* – a house, an inhabited house, a home; a palace, the house of God, the tabernacle; any dwelling place – of the human body, of the tents; a permanent residence; a household; the family of God, of the Christian Church; a family, descendants of one
- **to put in order** – G2885 – *kosmeō* – to arrange, to put in order, to prepare, to adorn, to beautify; to adorn with honour, to gain honour
- **to dwell** – G2730 – *katoikeō* – to dwell, to settle; about divine powers, influences to dwell in man (to pervade, to govern); to inhabit

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Testimony: At the end of April 2019, I received an email from Mark. He had seen some videos on YouTube about healing and wanted to be baptized. A few days later, he came to my house, decided to repent, and gave his life to God. I baptized him, and then my wife, another friend, and I prayed for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. During the prayers, something began to manifest, and it was by no means the Holy Spirit. After a few minutes, I began to sense a dominion in my heart. I knew we had won, and it was only a matter of time before the deliverance would manifest. After a few more minutes, the evil spirit did leave. Mark was set free, baptized with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in new tongues.

27 Physician, heal yourself

“Jesus said to them, ‘Surely you will quote this proverb to me: »Physician, heal yourself!« And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

Luke 4:23

Not only God wants to heal others through us. He *wants* to heal us and our loved ones (Dudley, 1993). Let us not allow our awareness of our weaknesses and failures to distance us from God’s mercy. Our Father *wants* to become our personal physician (Exodus 15:26). Let us love one another and accept that God loves us too. We can take the example of Charles Parham, who prayed for himself when he was sick, and God healed him (Johnson & Miskov, 2016). George Jeffreys (Liardon, 2011) or John G. Lake (Liardon, 2000) had a similar experience. Our Father’s desire is for us to walk in health (Genesis 3:9, Genesis 5:22, Genesis 6:9, Micah 6:8).

A parallel story: Matthew 9:12-13, Mark 2:17, Luke 5:31

Greek words:

- **altogether** – G3843 – *pantōs* – altogether, in any and every way, by all means, doubtless, surely, certainly, in no wise, not at all
- **proverb** – G3850 – *parabolē* – a parable, a proverb; a figure, a comparison; an illustrative example for teaching; a foreshadowing; a figurative a representation of the workings of the kingdom of God; a concise saying

- **here** – G5602 – *ōde* – here, hither, in this place, to this place
- **Capernaum** – G2584 – *Kapharnaoum* – a village Capernaum = “village of comfort”, a flourishing city of Galilee situated on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee or Lake of Gennesaret, near the place where the Jordan flows into the lake
- **hometown** – G3968 – *patris* – one’s native country, one’s fatherland, one’s own country, a fixed abode or home; one’s own native place

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28 Herod's idea

“At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the reports about Jesus, and he said to his attendants, ‘This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead! That is why miraculous powers are at work in him.’”

Matthew 14:1-2

Herod assumed that such power could only work in a resurrected man. He was not far from the truth. With Christ we have died and risen to new life (Romans 6:1-5; Ephesians 1:19-22; Revelation 1:17-18), and so these powers are at work in us.

A parallel story: Mark 6:14, Luke 9:7-9

Greek words:

- **reputation** – G189 – *akoē* – to hear; a rumour; an instruction of preaching the gospel, a hearing, what was said, a fame; the organ of hearing, the ear
- **to speak** – G2036 – *eipō* – to speak, to say; to tell; to testify, to say, to command, to bid
- **this** – G3778 – *outos* – this, these, this one, these ones
- **dead** – G3498 – *nekros* – dead; spiritually dead (because of sin); lifeless, inanimate; deceased, departed, powerless, inactive, inoperative
- **power** – G1411 – *dynamis* – a strength, a power, an ability; a power for performing miracles; moral power and excellence of soul; an inherent power; a power residing in a thing by

virtue of its nature, which a person or thing exerts and puts forth; a strength and resources flowing from multitudes; a power resting in armies, forces, hosts; importance; a might

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29 The creative Spirit

“When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing. Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.’ He replied, ‘You give them something to eat!’ They answered, ‘We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.’ About five thousand men were there. But he said to his disciples, ‘Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.’ The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.”

Luke 9:10-17

Have we ever realized that the Spirit who created the heavens and the earth lives in us (Genesis 1:1-2)? It is the creative Spirit that gives life (Romans 8:6). In forgiving or giving our cares to the Lord, our soul is relieved (1 Peter 5:7). Healing is the quickening of our bodies (Romans 8:11). Prophecy, praying in tongues, or interpreting them also builds us up (1 Corinthians 14:1-6). The Spirit of God working in us also multiplies food as in this story. When we fully realize (renew our minds) what God has given

us (Romans 8:32, 1 Corinthians 2:9-12), the earth will see the revelation of the sons of God (Romans 8:19).

A parallel story: Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, John 6:1-15

Greek words:

- **need** – G5532 – *chreia* – a need, a necessity, a lack; to have need of something; a duty, a business
- **healing** – G2322 – *therapeia* – a healing, a curing; a service rendered by one to another; a special medical service; a household – a body of attendants, servants, domestics
- **to bless** – G2127 – *eulogeō* – to praise, to celebrate with praises; to bless one, to invoke blessings; blessed; favoured of God; to cause to prosper, to make happy, to bestow blessings on
- **to present** – G3908 – *paratithēmi* – to present; to place beside; to place near; to set before (one) in teaching, to set forth, to explain; to commend
- **to feed** – G5526 – *chortazō* – to feed with herbs, grass, hay; to fill or satisfy with food, to fatten; to fill or satisfy men; to fulfill or satisfy the desire of anyone; to be fed

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30 Human tradition

“When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him. And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him. Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, ‘Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!’ Jesus replied, ‘And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? For God said, »Honor your father and mother« and »Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.« But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is [devoted to God], they are not to [honor their father or mother]. with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: »These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.«”

Matthew 14:34-15:9

The goal of this manual is to remove the unhelpful information, opinions, and attitudes that have crept into Christianity and leave the helpful ones (the authority of the name of Jesus and the laying on of hands, Matthew 28:18; Mark 16:18). It is always crucial to exalt God’s word above our experiences and opinions (Psalm 138:2). Only in this way will we, as God’s children, go a little further in knowing God again. Because of our traditions, God’s

word loses its power.

A parallel story: Mark 6:53-7:13

Greek words:

- **all** – G3745 – *osos* – as long as, as great as, how much, how many, whoever
- **to heal** – G1295 – *diasōzō* – to preserve through danger (to save); to bring safely through; to cure one who is sick; to save, to keep from perishing; to save out of danger, to rescue; to keep safe, to keep from perishing
- **to nullify** – G208 – *akyroō* – to render void, to deprive of force and authority
- **command** – G1785 – *entolē* – an order, command, a charge, a precept, an injunction, a commandment (prescribed to one by reason of his office); a prescribed rule in accordance with thing done, a law
- **tradition** – G3862 – *paradosis* – a tradition, a giving over which is done by word of mouth or in writing; a giving over, a giving up; an act of surrender (for example, about cities)

Testimony: There are things we have learned wrong in the church. We do not meet them when we minister to people outside the church. I once wanted to pray in church for a sick person, and he told me that the Lord wanted to teach him something. Among the “unbelievers”, no one ever told me that.

31 No is not the answer

“Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, ‘Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.’ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, ‘Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.’ The woman came and knelt before him. ‘Lord, help me!’ she said. she said. ‘It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.’ ‘Yes it is, Lord,’ she said. ‘Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.’ And her daughter was healed at that moment.”

Matthew 15:21-28

The second and the last person whom Jesus recognized because of his great faith (Matthew 8:5-13). This Canaanite woman, like the centurion, was not in the Covenant relationship with God. Furthermore, in both cases, it was healing (deliverance) at a distance. But healing at a distance is only harder when we think it is. Jesus knew that an evil spirit, as well as sickness, must obey him anyway. Even though Jesus did not initially want to heal, this Canaanite woman did not accept “no” as an answer and her daughter was set free. Consider it as an example. We have a legal claim to healing (1 Peter 2:24, 2 Corinthians 1:20). Healing is as basic a thing for God as it is for a Father to give daily bread to his children (Matthew 6:9-15, Luke 11:2-4).

A parallel story: Mark 7:24-30

Greek words:

- **to come** – G4334 – *proserchomai* – to come to, to approach, to draw near; to assent to, to approve; to hold on to something
- **terribly** – G2560 – *kakōs* – improperly, wrongly; to speak ill of, to revile one; to be distressed, to be sick
- **to bow down** – G4352 – *proskyneō* – to kiss the hand to (toward) one; to fall to the ground as a sign of deep respect, or to express of supplication; to bow down; to honour; to show respect to a being of superior status (high priest, God, Christ)
- **to help** – G997 – *boētheō* – to help, to succour, to aid, to relieve
- **great** – G3173 – *meγas* – great (a height, a size, a weight, a mass of people, an age, an intensity, a position); a great moment; an esteemed thing; magnificent, tremendous, majestic, impressive, on a grand scale; great things – God’s eminent blessing; exceeding the appointed limit, boastful, pompous, proud, full of arrogance (derogatory; toward God’s majesty)

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32 Modes of healing

“Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, ‘Ephphatha!’ (which means ‘Be opened!’). At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. ‘He has done everything well,’ they said. ‘He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.’”

Mark 7:31-37

Jesus healed in different ways; he had no method or ritual to ensure his success. He healed because of who he is. He healed because he is the resurrection and the life. Two characteristics can be found in his ministry of healing. First, he knew that the life of God was being emitted through him (as it is from us), and he knew that what he was saying was happening (Luke 6:19, Mark 11:22-24). So healing happens through physical contact (Mark 6:56), or as Jesus said (2 Kings 5:10-16). This is the transmission of life and the power of the word (Hebrews 11:2). We need to understand these principles. Step up in faith in line with these principles and do not withdraw our faith. Try different “methods” for healing. Keep our faith in God and not in the method.

Greek words:

- **hardly talking** – G3424 – *mogilalos* – hardly talking
- **to look up** – G308 – *anablepō* – to look up; to recover sight: to look (up), to see, to receive sight
- **to sigh** – G4727 – *stenazō* – to sigh, to pray inaudibly, to say with a sigh; to groan, to sigh
- **bond** – G1199 – *desmos* – a tape, a bond; a prison; a chain
- **rightly** – G3723 – *orthōs* – straightly, rightly

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Testimony: During one evangelization in one Prague's shopping mall I approached a young man with crutches. We rode the escalator together. I asked him if his leg hurt and if I could pray. He nodded in response to both. I briefly commanded the pain to go away without touching the leg. All this took place before we reached the end of the escalator. As the man stepped off the escalator, he looked at me in amazement and said the pain was gone. He revealed that this was the second time this had happened to him. A few days earlier, he had met someone else who had prayed for him, and the pain was gone then, too. Today, he said he fell on his foot once more, and it hurt again. Now the pain was gone again. It opened the way for him to share the gospel with others in the group he went with.

33 Still the same

“Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down. Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, ‘I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.’ his disciples answered, ‘Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?’ ‘How many loaves do you have?’ Jesus asked. ‘Seven,’ they replied, ‘and a few small fish.’ He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward, the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children. After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan.”

Matthew 15:29-39

Jesus does not change; He is still the same (Hebrews 13:8). Moreover, he is famous in it. He did the same thing a second time in a moment. He healed people, taught them, and then fed them. Let us also strive to walk consistently in the heavenly reality (Co-

lossians 3:1-4). Let us be aware that it has pleased God to give us the Kingdom (Luke 6:20). Let us pass it on (Luke 22:29). What is ours, we can donate.

A parallel story: Mark 8:1-10

Greek words:

- **lame** – G5560 – *chōlos* – cripple, halt, lame
- **crippled** – G2948 – *kyllos* – crooked, handicapped, disabled, injured, crippled, mutilated, disfigured
- **to look at** – G991 – *blepō* – to look at; to distinguish; an eye; to have sight, to have the power of seeing; to perceive with the eyes, the senses; to see, to gaze; to detect by use, known by opportunity; inward sight – to understand, to discern in the mind, to observe, to perceive, to discover, to reveal; to turn thoughts to the thing; to consider, to ponder, to contemplate, to consider carefully, to examine, to look into; to take heed
- **healed** – G5199 – *hygiēs* – healthy; well; to make healthy, to restore to health; true (in doctrine)
- **to walk** – G4043 – *peripateō* – to tread all around, to walk; to make the journey, to make progress, to gladly seize opportunities; to live

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34 Perseverance brings roses

“They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man’s eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, ‘Do you see anything?’ He looked up and said, ‘I see people; they look like trees walking around.’ Once more Jesus put his hands on the man’s eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home, saying, ‘Don’t even go into the village.’”

Mark 8:22-26

Jesus did not make prayer chains, nor did He act out of fear. He knew that with every touch, the life of God was released from him. The only question is how to release the abundance of God’s power. 2 Thessalonians 1:11 reveals that God’s power follows our intention and act of faith. When we lay hands or speak what is to be done, we need to be determined about what we want to happen (Mark 11:22-24). Let us focus on releasing life from head to toe. Even a partial improvement will encourage our faith. Let us then move on boldly like Jesus to complete healing.

Greek words:

- **to spit** – G4429 – *ptyō* – to spit
- **to ask** – G1905 – *eperōtaō* – to ask; to burden someone with a question, inquiry; to investigate, interrogate; to approach someone with a request, demand; to ask, to demand

- **again** – G3825 – *palin* – again, anew; restoration, a reentry into action, a repetition of an action (through the idea of oscillatory repetition); further, to continue; in addition to; in return, on the other hand; back, backwards
- **restored** – G600 – *apokathistēmi* – to reconstitute, to put in order; to be restored, to restored to its original state (again); to be in its original state; to be healed, cured
- **clearly** – G5081 – *tēlaugōs* – clearly, plainly

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Testimony: In February 2017, I wanted to look for a part-time job. But the Holy Spirit strongly told me to finish my bachelor’s thesis first. So, I cancelled the interview I was supposed to go to the next day. I finished my bachelor’s thesis. Two days after defending it, I went to an interview at an auditing company. On the way to the tram, I passed a little boy limping on his left leg. I thought to myself: “It is not convenient for me unless he sits next to me on the tram.” I waited nervously at the tram stop until the tram arrived. The guy reached me and sat on the exact seat behind me on the tram. I turned to him and started talking to him. After a while, I told him that I would put my hand on his leg, release the power of God, and the foot would be healed. He said, “Okay.” And it happened. The heel was healed, the boy stopped limping, and I also got the job in the firm.

35 Speak to the mountain

“When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. ‘Lord, have mercy on my son,’ he said. ‘He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.’ ‘You unbelieving and perverse generation,’ Jesus replied, ‘how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.’ Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment. Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, ‘Why couldn’t we drive it out?’ He replied, ‘Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, 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 17:14-21

Immediately after returning from the mountain where he was transfigured, Jesus went into action again. The disciples were unable to heal the man. Moreover, the sufferer’s symptoms got worse as soon as he came into the presence of Jesus. Jesus healed him anyway. Jesus says nothing of the fact that it was not the right time, that it was not God’s will, or that He should have healed him. He emphasizes that we must know our authority and speak what we want done (Mark 11:22-24). Let us also note another significant fact. Fasting and prayer do not refer to casting out a demon but to unbelief. We need to get unbelief out of ourselves (Isaiah 58:1-14). Unbelief is not only not believing but also believing the wrong things. On the other hand, faith in God, who is

our Healer (Exodus 23:20-30, Deuteronomy 7:15, Psalm 103:1-6), moves the world (1 Thessalonians 1:8).

Parallel story: Mark 9:14-29, Luke 9:37-43

Greek words:

- **to suffer** – G3958 – *paschō* – to suffer, to vex; to experience, to passion; to be afflicted, to be attacked; to undergo; to suffer unhappily (of the sick); in a good sense – to be in good condition
- **infidel** – G571 – *apistos* – unbelieving, faithless, unreliable, unloyal, untrustworthy, faithless, infidel; unbelievable (thing); without trust in God
- **reverse** – G1294 – *diastrephō* – to distort, to misinterpret (meaning, facts); to turn aside; to pervert, to twist; to turn from the right path, to corrupt
- **to endure** – G430 – *anechō* – to endure, to bear, to suffer; to hold upright and firm; to put up with; to forbear
- **to admonish** – G2008 – *epitimaō* – to reprove, to rebuke; to scold; to criticize strongly, to condemn, to repudiate; to rebuke sharply, to accuse, to forbid; to show the way, to honour; to increase prize; to award (in the sense of deserved punishment); to burden with error, to rate

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36 Do not be narrow-minded

“‘Teacher,’ said John, ‘we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.’ ‘Do not stop him,’ Jesus said. ‘For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.’”

Mark 9:38-41

The disciples had a good idea. The man Jesus did not call was casting out demons like Jesus and them. So they tried to stop him. But Jesus did not feel threatened. On the contrary, his vision was much broader, and he wished that everyone would cast out demons. Moments later, He responded by sending out seventy more disciples (Luke 10:1-9) in addition to the original twelve (Luke 9:1-6). Thus, during Jesus’ ministry alone, we see that at least 83 people besides Jesus were casting out demons and healing the sick. And yet none of them were even born again. After these experiences, the Lord Jesus empowered all of his disciples to heal and deliver (Mark 16:15-18).

Parallel story: Luke 9:49-50

Greek words:

- **to reply** – G611 – *apokrinomai* – to answer the question, to answer; to speak; to begin to speak – always preceded by the situation (question) to which the answer relates; to respond

- **nobody** – G3762 – *oudeis* – nobody, nothing, none
- **to defend** – G2967 – *kōlyō* – to prevent, to forbid; to hinder; to prevent by hindering; to deny something to someone
- **to speak ill** – G2551 – *kakologeō* – to talk bad, to curse, to revile, to damn, to slander; to insult; to abuse
- **reward** – G3408 – *misthos* – wages, a remuneration (fruits of labour, God’s reward for good works, efforts); wages for labour (in the sense of rewards and punishment)

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Testimony: In September 2019, we served at one esoteric Festival. There, me and my friend Janka approached a man on crutches. He was a man in his fifties after a stroke. He was partially paralyzed on one side of his body. We prayed for him, and his leg and arm got better. God was touching him. He called me that very day. I was able to share with him about the Lord Jesus. Soon, we baptized him, and he was also baptized with the Holy Spirit. We have been praying for him regularly ever since. His blood pressure has levelled off. His leg and arm are steadily improving. The heart arrhythmia is also almost healed. This man said he was a third of four degrees of Reiki, but he had never seen such a strong power that we have shown him. Praise be to our God, who is the Healer, for working through each of us!

37 Sending of seventy

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.’ ‘When you enter a house, first say, »Peace to this house.« If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, »The kingdom of God has come near to you.« But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, »Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.« I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.’”

Luke 10:1-12

Jesus saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning. He was, therefore, firmly convinced that whoever represented him would have power over all the power of the enemy as He did (Luke 10:17-20). The seventy disciples who, like Jesus and the original twelve, proclaimed the kingdom of God were convinced of this. Jesus wanted to accelerate the spread of God’s kingdom, so He empowered more and more people. Today, he is empowering us. The Father wants

to establish his spiritual rule in cities, states, and around the world (Ephesians 6:11-20). The discipleship and home ministry we see here has been the engine of revivals led by Jesus, the disciples, Paul (Acts 20:35), Billy Graham, Francis Asbury, John Wesley (Liardon, 2008), or John G. Lake (Liardon, 2000). Let us follow Jesus' commands and leadership and grasp this for our lives.

Greek words:

- **to determine** – G322 – *anadeiknymi* – to show; to make manifest; to exhibit; to announce (appoint) as chosen as king, general; to raise up something on high and make it known to all
- **to plead** – G1189 – *deomai* – to ask; to pray; to will; to desire, to crave; to plead, to beg, to urge, to make a request
- **peace** – G1515 – *eirēnē* – peace; peace; salvation; well-being; state, national peace; liberation, freedom from rage and chaos war; peace between individuals, harmony, concord; security, prosperity, happiness, bliss; messianic peace; the path leading to peace (salvation); the blessed state of some after death
- **to rest** – G1879 – *epanapauomai* – to rest; to rely, to lean; to settle; to establish one's seat
- **to return** – G344 – *anakamptō* – to turn back, to return

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38 Satan the slaver

“On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, ‘Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.’ Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, ‘There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.’ The Lord answered him, ‘You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?’ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.”

Luke 13:10-17

Already in Job we see that the devil gives the sickness (Job 2:7). God releases us from sickness, unbinding us so that we can be watered with life. Sickness causes affliction not only to our body but also to our soul (Mark 3:1-6). Diseases are the work of Satan, who steals, kills and destroys. Jesus came to reveal this to us as well (Colossians 2:12-15; John 10:10). Jesus shows us in practice that whatever the Devil has bound, we have the power to loose (Matthew 16:19, Matthew 18:18-20). Do not expect long struggles but quick victories so that God may be even more glorified! We

also see that Jesus did not heal the woman because of a particular “leading”, but because of a *principle*. She was, in fact, a daughter of Abraham.

Greek words:

- **to bend over** – G4794 – *sygklyptō* -to be crooked, bent; completely to bend forward, to be completely bent; to curve; be completely overcome
- **immediately** – G3916 – *parachrēma* – immediately, instantly, straightaway, directly, on the spot; soon
- **to loose** – G3089 – *lyō* – to loosen, to untie; to release; to release any bound thing, person (body, bandages, husband, wife); to loose bonds; to release from prison; to dissolve (anything pressed together) – assembly, laws; to overthrow something; to dissolve something cohesive into parts
- **to bind** – G1210 – *deō* – to tie a tie, to fasten, to bind, to fetter with fetters, to put in chains; to knit, to oblige, law; to be bound to someone (husband, wife); to forbid, to declare unlawful
- **Satan** – G4567 – *satanas* – Satan, the Devil; the adversary (the one who opposes one’s intentions, actions); the prince of evil spirits; the accuser, leads to apostasy from God into sin; overcome by Jesus on the cross; possesses people with his demons and causes people to be sick the accuser, i.e. the devil:—Satan.

39 Fearless

“At that time, some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, ‘Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.’ He replied, ‘Go tell that fox, »I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day, I will reach my goal.« ’”

Luke 13:31-32

Moses and Isaiah speak of a minimum lifespan of 70 to 80 years (Psalm 90:10; Isaiah 65:20). Life length can be influenced, for example, by respect for parents (Ephesians 6:2). This principle can be seen, for instance, in the Japanese, who directly adore their parents. Moreover, Jesus knew when He would die (Matthew 16:21). Even Paul said that He could choose whether or not to die (Philippians 1:22-27). Knowing that they had a God-given task to fulfil here on earth gave both Jesus and Paul the boldness not to fear people or anything else (Galatians 1:10). We, too, can experience this assurance in God. Let us fulfil the individual tasks God gives us and then go to him (2 Timothy 4:6-8). David Livingstone (Liardon, 2014), Lester Sumrall (Dudley, 1993), Smith Wigglesworth (Liardon, 2000), and F. F. Bosworth (Liardon, 2011), for example, have experienced the assurance of fulfilling their role.

Greek words:

- **hour** – G2250 – *hēmera* – a day (natural; a contrast to night, part of the day); in the day; the day of life; the last day of our time; a time of abstaining from pleasure, vice, crime

- **to go** – G4198 – *poreuō* – to go; to wander; to lead; to proceed in the way; to follow someone as a follower; to act; to die
- **fox** – G258 – *alōpēx* – a fox; a cunning, crafty man
- **healing** – G2392 – *iasis* – a healing; a curing; a cure
- **to complete** – G5048 – *teleioō* – to make perfect, to achieve; to complete (an event, prophecy, scripture), to reach a goal, to accomplish, to complete; to consecrate; to be completed, to finish, to fulfil

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Testimony: One day, my good friend Simon came by train to see me in Prague. We had lunch and talked. Then we went back to the train station. It did not give us, and we told the gospel to several people. As we walked up the stairs to the platform, I noticed a man landing on one foot. I told Simon about him, and before I knew it, Simon grabbed the man's knee and released the power of God. Before the man came to his senses, his knee got better, and he walked on all disarrayed. Simon's immediacy is truly fascinating and inspiring.

40 Pulling out of the tank

“One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, ‘Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?’ But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way. Then he asked them, ‘If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?’ And they had nothing to say.”

Luke 14:1-6

Healing is the release, the liberation of our body. A sick person needs immediate help, just like an ox or a son who has fallen into a tank. Let us trust our Father to pull us out of our problems quickly (Luke 15:11-32). God loves people. The Pharisees and scribes are unable to respond to God’s love. Love is more than the law (Romans 13:10).

Greek words:

- **to watch closely** – G3906 – *paratēreō* – to stand by and watch closely; to watch attentively, carefully, diligently; to observe, to give watch with the eyes; a foreshadow – to watch what is going to happen; insidiously, to watch cunningly; to watch; to observe conscientiously, to neglect nothing in religious observance; to celebrate
- **dropsical** – G5203 – *hydrōpikos* – dropsical; suffering from dropsy

- **to take** – G1949 – *epilambanomai* – to grasp, to grab with your hands; to cling to something; to take hold of, to seize, to overpower, reach; to save from danger, to help
- **to release** – G630 – *apolyō* – to release; to set free; to detain no longer; to set at liberty vigorously; to send away; of a prisoner, to loose his bonds and set him free to go; to release charge of crime, and set at liberty; to condescend to grant the prisoner, the debtor the release; to acquit; to pardon, to forgive his debt; of divorce – to repudiate, to forsake; to go
- **to answer** – G470 – *antapokrinomai* – to answer, to contradict in reply, to answer by contradiction

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Testimony: On my way to the grocery store, I saw a young man sitting on a bench. I immediately thought I should approach him. I was reluctant, but eventually sat down on the opposite bench and asked the Holy Spirit what I could do to help the young man. It seemed to me that his leg was hurting. I asked him about it, and he was astonished to confirm that this was the case. He said that he could not be helped because the problem was in the damaged nerves. After a brief command of healing to his body, he saw the pain go away. I repeated this several times until the pain was completely gone. A few weeks later, I met him again, and he confirmed to me that he had not suffered from pain since then.

41 Healing along the way

“Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, ‘Jesus, Master, have pity on us!’ When he saw them, he said, ‘Go, show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, ‘Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?’ Then he said to him, ‘Rise and go; your faith has made you well.’”

Luke 17:11-19

In God’s kingdom, everything begins as a seed (Matthew 13:31-32). This little seed, the word of God, needs to be received, understood, and kept within us (Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:4-15). God’s word then grows and works powerfully in us (Mark 4:26-32, 1 Thessalonians 2:13). Let us not stop, let us examine the seeds and let them grow. Let us just water them with God’s word and prayer (Ephesians 6:17-18). Thus, when we minister healing, we are establishing the healing, and it will then manifest. Jesus was so sure that He was establishing things (Matthew 18:18-20) that He often did not even feel the need to ask people if healing had actually occurred. Jesus did not serve people for recognition. He served to show the Father (Matthew 5:45) and to set an example (John 13:12-14). Thus, even ingratitude did not stop those nine healings (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Greek words:

- **to meet** – G528 – *apantaō* – to meet; to meet away; in the army sense – an unfriendly encounter
- **leper** – G3015 – *lepros* – a leper, afflicted with leprosy; scaly, peeling; rough, coarse
- **to say** – G3004 – *legō* – to say; to ask, to bid; to assert; to answer; to command; to teach; to encourage, to advise, to counsel; to tell; to inquire; to point out words, to intend, to think, to mean to say; to name; to mention
- **to show up** – G1925 – *epideiknymi* – to show oneself; to exhibit; to arrange to be looked at; to present what we can look at; to show something belonging to someone; to demonstrate, prove
- **to leave** – G5217 – *hypagō* – to go (away); to depart; to travel

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42 Does God teach by sickness?

“When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.”

Matthew 19:1-2

Either Jesus was fortunate in the people he ministered to, or God’s power is greater than any of our perceived obstacles to ministry through healing. Jesus healed everywhere he went. So did his disciples (Luke 9:6). At the same time, they healed most people where they were. Jesus showed compassion to everyone who was sick. He did not change. He was the same then, is the same now (through us), and will be forever (Hebrews 13:8). The apostle Paul says that today is the day of grace, the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:1-2, Hebrews 4:16). Jesus healed all who were sick and never gave anyone an educational disease. It is God’s goodness that leads people to repentance (Romans 2:4). God can use anything to help people, but He wants to educate us by his word and Spirit, not by sickness (2 Timothy 3:16-17, John 14:26, 1 Corinthians 2:13, Hebrews 12:9-13). Sickness is not God’s will for any of us.

Parallel story: Mark 10:1

Greek words:

- **to finish** – G5055 – *teleō* – to finish, to end, to conclude; to execute, to perform, to complete, to fill (to fit the assignment); to come to fruition; to accomplish; to achieve; to pay tribute

- **to depart** – G3332 – *metairō* – to leave, to depart, to travel; to lift and remove from a place, to move
- **word** – G3056 – *logos* – a speech, a word; representing a concept, an idea; spoken (by God, prophets); a speech, preaching, speaking itself; a teaching; a description, a record, a reason; a matter; an account; a number
- **to follow** – G190 – *akoloutheō* – to follow someone who precedes, accompany him; join as an assistant, become a disciple of someone, to follow
- **there** – G1563 – *ekei* – there, in that place, on that place

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Testimony: On Roadtrip 2018, we visited the city of Tabor with Dan, Tom and Honza. The Lord took care of the lunch and shower for us. We preached the gospel and saw several healings. Most often, Honza and I remember the healing of a Roma man. We met him in a city park. He knew something about God, but he lived a very immoral life as a “guru” of the local Roma community. He was suffering from gout and responded positively to the offer of prayer. God touched him powerfully. God’s power was running through his body like electricity, and after the prayer, with tears in his eyes, he said that “he had light feet”. Of course, living in sin is not okay. But we are deliverers, not judges, so do not side with anyone. Jesus also healed a man and then told him not to sin lest something worse happen to him. Jesus knew that healing opens the door wide for the gospel.

43 Fisherman of men

“As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, ‘Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!’ The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, ‘Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!’ Jesus stopped and called them. ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ he asked. ‘Lord,’ they answered, ‘we want our sight.’ Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.”

Matthew 20:29-34

Jesus shows us here how to become fishers of men (Matthew 4:18-22). He himself never wondered if he had enough power or faith. He was conscious of God, not of himself. Here, He asked the blind men what they wanted him to do for them. And then he just agreed. It sounds simple. Jesus was aware that God would give him whatever he asked (Mark 11:22-25). He is one with his Father. We have room to grow. For we, too, are one with God (John 15:5; 1 Corinthians 6:17).

Parallel story: Mark 10:46-52, Luke 18:35-43

Greek words:

- **Lord** – G2962 – *kyrios* – a lord, a ruler; supreme in authority, one to whom a thing belongs or a person over whom he can make decisions; a master; a proprietor, owner; prince, chief; a title of honour expressive of the respect with which servants salute their masters; a title for God and Messiah

- **to silence** – G4623 – *siōpaō* – to be quiet, to keep quiet, to keep silence; to be calm; mute; calm, a silent sea
- **even stronger** – G3185 – *meizōn* – even more, higher grade; to a greater extent
- **to stop** – G2476 – *hīstēmi* – to set up; to stop; to cause to stop, to place, to lay down; to offer to stand by someone; to make firm; to establish firmly; to assert the authority of something; to stand near; to stand (on the foundation of a building); to be firm, stable, unshakable of mind; not to give up; to defy
- **to call** – G5455 – *phōneō* – to cock a horn; to call; to sound; to emit a sound, sound out; to make a sound; to speak; to shout; to cry out; to shout aloud, to speak loudly; to call; to summon; to send for someone; to summon, to call; to invite; to address

Testimony: On the penultimate day of our Roadtrip 2019, we reached Melnik city. I went with my friends Pepa and Honza. We saw a few healings together, but I want to highlight an interesting conversation that Honza and Pepa had with one gentleman. He was an unbeliever, but he did not reject my friends. Honza asked him if all was well in the family health-wise. He replied that yes and that he had to knock on it. And he knocked on his o te-eth. Honza immediately asked him: “And you believe in knocking, right”? It is interesting how many people say they do not believe in anything, but they believe in superstition of any kind.

44 Worship is our strength

“Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ‘It is written,’ he said to them, »My house will be called a house of prayer,« but you are making it »a den of robbers.« The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, »Hosanna to the Son of David,« they were indignant. ‘Do you hear what these children are saying?’ they asked him. ‘Yes,’ replied Jesus, ‘have you never read, »From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise«?’ And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.”

Matthew 21:12-17

The healing is beautiful and wondrous. Jesus here quotes Psalm 8:1-2 and reminds us (John 14:26) that praise is our strength. With praise, we are energized before the battle (Judges 7:1-25). Praise helps us to be God-centered. By praise, we are reminded of what God has done and reminded of his word (Psalm 78:1-72, Psalm 119:1-176, Hebrews 13:15). During it, we become aware of him. He lives in and does his works in us (Acts 2:22, Acts 19:11-12). It is the Spirit of God working in and through us. He experienced and did all the miracles, healings, and resurrections. He is omnipotent (Genesis 1:1-3, Psalm 139:7) and omnipresent (Sumrall, 1982). We need to be aware of this (Romans 8:6).

Parallel story: Mark 11:15-19

Greek words:

- **to write** – G1125 – *graphō* – to write (in the form of a letter; with regard to the content of the writing); to express oneself in written characters; to commit by writing; to describe, to write down, to record; to write to someone; to give information, instructions; to compose, to put together
- **prayer** – G4335 – *proseuchē* – a prayer; a synagogue, a place to pray – Jews used to go there when there was no synagogue in town
- **wonderful** – G2297 – *thaumasios* – wonderful, marvellous, splendid, amazing; a great deed, wonder, miracle
- **to prepare** – G2675 – *katartizō* – to repair; to repair, to make good; to indicate to set in order; to arrange; to furnish; to fix; to provide; to fix; to complete; to complete; to fit out; to put in order; to arrange, to adjust; to make ready; to strengthen; to make someone what he is to be
- **to praise** – G136 – *ainos* – a proverb; a praise, a honour; a laudatory speech

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45 Do not doubt

“The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. Then he said to the tree, ‘May no one ever eat fruit from you again.’ And his disciples heard him say it. In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. Peter remembered and said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!’ ‘Have faith in God,’ Jesus answered. ‘Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, »Go, throw yourself into the sea,« and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.’”

Mark 11:12-14.20-25

We were created to rule the earth. We are kings. We decide. The Lord Jesus teaches us here to set a time of answered prayer. At the same time, He leads us not to doubt. To doubt is to divide, to separate ourselves from something. He who doubts can receive nothing from the Lord. The Lord is generous and wants to give, but we cannot receive (James 1:5-8). To doubt is not to have a bad thought (it is temptation). To doubt is to believe a bad thought and act on it (Genesis 3:1-6). Jesus also heard the voice of the devil (Luke 4:1-13). But he never obeyed him, and thus always prevailed over him (Hebrews 2:12; 1 John 2:12-14). So let God

and word be more real to us than anything in this world (Himm, 2004)!

Parallel story: Matthew 21:18-22

Greek words:

- **to curse** – G2672 – *katakaomai* – to curse; to execrate, to condemn, to cast into perdition; cursed
- **withered** – G3583 – *xerainō* – to dry out; to burn; to make dry, to dry up, to wither; to become dry, to be dry, to be withered (of plants, ripening crops, liquids, parts of the body); to shrivel; to stagnate (of the hand)
- **heart** – G2588 – *kardia* – the heart; the centre of the physical and spiritual of life; the seat of the passions, emotions, thoughts; the centre of understanding, intelligence, will and character; the centre of anything (even inanimate things)
- **will have** – G2071 – *esomai* – I will be; be!; “I will” (future tense of “be”)
- **to request** – G154 – *aiteō* – to ask, to beg; to call for, to desire, to cry out for, to long for, to crave, to covet; to demand

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46 Stay calm

“While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus asked him, ‘Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?’ When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, ‘Lord, should we strike with our swords?’ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. But Jesus answered, ‘No more of this!’ And he touched the man’s ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, ‘Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.’”

Luke 22:47-53

Let us overflow continually with the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39; Ephesians 5:15-21). God’s presence comes with us because God lives in us. For example, let us analyze this situation. Jesus is being arrested. Peter cannot hold on, so he uses his fishing skills and swings his sword at Malchos (John 18:10). He instinctively moves out of the way, and Peter cuts off his ear instead of his head. Conclusion: Jesus, who knows he will be judged, scourged and crucified, will remain calm and let his ear grow back. And from Peter the almost-murderer, within a few weeks, will become one of the leaders of the church, which does not press the things of the kingdom of God by force or power, but by the Spirit of God (2 Kings 6:14-20; Zechariah 4:6). Presumably, this story is the inspi-

ration for Christians who minister healing by the power of God on military missions. The gospel works the same way everywhere. Otherwise, it would not be good news (Romans 1:16-17).

Parallel story: Matthew 26:47-56, Mark 14:43-52, John 18:1-11

Greek words:

- **to kiss** – G5368 – *phileō* – to love, to like, to approve; to act affectionately, lovingly, kindly, genially, warmly, amiably; to kiss; to be in the habit of, to be accustomed to
- **to betray** – G3860 – *paradidōmi* – to give up, to surrender; to deliver into the hands of (into the power of); to take captive, to betray; to give to someone for protection, use; to deliver someone to custody, trial, conviction, (cruel) punishment; to give someone to be taught, moulded; to recommend
- **sword** – G3162 – *machaira* – a large knife used for killing animals and cutting meat; a small sword (not a large one) – curved for cutting or straight for thrusting; a war
- **to cut off** – G851 – *aphaireō* – to take away; to cut off; to remove; to be taken away
- **ear** – G5621 – *ōtion* – an ear; an ear pin

Testimony: God really heals everywhere. I once audited at CT (national TV). I was in the hallway praying for the chief accountant who was having hip problems. She was healed, jumped up in surprise, and quickly ran away. God likes to surprise people with his love.

47 Son of God

“At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, ‘Surely he was the Son of God!’”

Matthew 27:51-54

As children of God, we have passed from death to life (John 1:12-13; John 5:24). It was in Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection that the preeminence of God’s power of life was revealed. Paul describes this as the potential of what power of life we can now walk in after Jesus’ resurrection (Ephesians 1:19-20, Revelation 1:18). Jesus defeated death on the cross (Hebrews 2:14) and brought life and inviolability to light (2 Timothy 1:10-11). The war with death has been won, and it is finished (John 19:30). We only need to establish victory (1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58, Hebrews 2:8-9).

Parallel story: Mark 15:21-41, Luke 27:32-49, John 19:16-27

Greek words:

- **to split** – G4977 – *schizō* – to split; to divide by tearing apart; to split into fractions, to cleave, to tear apart; to be divided

- **to shake** – G4579 – *seiō* – to shake; to fret; to quake; of a man – to begin to fret; to fret with fear; to agitate the mind
- **resurrection** – G1454 – *egersis* – a resurrection from the dead, a resurrection; an excitement, a resurgence
- **God** – G2316 – *theos* – a god, a goddess, a deity; God, the Trinity (together, and each individually), the things of God; God’s counsels, interests; all that pertains to God; all that is compared to or resembles God; God’s representative; a judge
- **Son** – G5207 – *huios* – son (human offspring, especially in the sense of son), son of man (carrying the connotation of human weakness and mortality; of Christ); son of God (Adam, born again people, Jews, Christians, people raised by God); those who honour God as their father; devout worshipers of God whose character and life resemble God’s; people controlled by the Spirit of God; people sleeping joyfully and peacefully in trust in God as children to a parent; obedient to the will and works of the Father (like Jesus)

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48 Who will believe

“Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.’ After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.”

Mark 16:14-20

Jesus speaks here of signs that will surely accompany those who believe. He does not say the apostles, but everyone who believes. He is not talking about the gifted or the anointed but about believers. He had already said the same thing to Nicodemus (John 3:1-8). So let us not distance ourselves from this, but grasp it for ourselves. Just as we are persecuted for the word of God (Mark 4:17), so the word of God, not man, is accompanied by signs (Mark 16:20). Let us take this as inspiration (John 2:23-25). Anyone can believe God’s word. Likewise, anyone can preach it, or proclaim it. So let us begin, too. Let us not look for signs; they are to follow us. Furthermore, Jesus divides people into two groups, the belie-

vers who minister healing (and should not be sick) and the sick (of unbelievers). The latter will be in a “healed state” after laying hands on the believers. This is what Jesus himself did. He restored sight to the blind, healed a woman with an issue of blood, a man with dropsy, and the paralyzed. God’s Spirit is still the same and wants to do the same works through us. Let us yield to him. In addition, our Covenant with God is obviously confirmed by baptism by immersion, when we receive spiritual protection. After baptism, people began to desire God more, they were liberated, their depressive oppressions or nightmares stopped.

Parallel story: Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 24:46-48, John 17:18,
Acts 1:1.5.8

Greek words:

- **sign** – G4592 – *sēmeion* – a sign, a mark, a token; a person is distinguished from others and is known by it; a miracle, a wonder; God accompanies his word by it
- **will be accompanied by** – G3877 – *parakolouthēō* – to follow (faithfully); to accompany; to be always at one’s side; to be always present; to be present wherever one goes
- **to sit down** – G2523 – *kathizō* – to sit down; to establish; to grant a kingdom; to sit down; to reside; to have a fixed abode; to settle down; to dwell for a time
- **right hand** – G1188 – *dexios* – a right (side), a right hand, a position of honour or authority
- **to confirm** – G950 – *bebaioō* – to strengthen, to confirm, to stabilize, to (e)stablish, to assure

49 To see the signs

“Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. ‘Unless you people see signs and wonders,’ Jesus told him, ‘you will never believe.’ The royal official said, ‘Sir, come down before my child dies.’ ‘Go,’ Jesus replied, ‘your son will live.’ The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, ‘Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him.’ Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, ‘Your son will live.’ So he and his whole household believed. This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.”

John 4:46-54

Jesus healed everyone in his presence, but also everyone into whose life he healing or deliverance he spoke. He was, therefore, sought after for his ministry and his word. The royal official followed him for more than a day's journey. The official's child began to get better in the hour of Jesus' "speaking". The fever left him completely. This world needs to see and understand that God's word is truly God's word and that there is power in it (Matthew 22:29, Mark 1:27, Romans 1:16, Psalm 62:12). Life is light (John 1:4). Without it, people wander, seeking it along with power, and when they do not find it in Christianity, they recourse to occultism and wit-

chcraft. There, unfortunately, is death, not life. If we are unable to minister the life of the Spirit of God and the word of God, we miss the very essence of the New Covenant (John 4:23, John 6:63, 2 Corinthians 3:6, Philippians 3:3).

Greek words:

- **to ask** – G2065 – *erōtaō* – to ask, to beg; to plead, to interrogate; to request, to beseech, to desire, to pray
- **almost** – G3195 – *mellō* – around, at the point of (doing, suffering); to intend; to think, to ponder; to have a duty
- **no-** – G3361 – *mē* – not until
- **if** – G1437 – *ean* – a conditional particle; if, in case that
- **child** – G3813 – *paidion* – a little child (a little boy or girl); an infant; a newborn; a child (according to intellect)

Testimony: We had a part-time worker at work who was suffering from bruised ribs because he fell on the ice. He complained on pain. I told him I would “pray” for him. He agreed. I commanded the pain to go away and told the man to test it. He was amazed and confirmed that the pain was gone. After a few days, when he had his shift again, he asked me questions about my faith and Christianity. He tried to get me into an intellectual debate. It went nowhere. So I asked if his ribs were hurting again. He said he was in pain again, so I again commanded the pain to go away in one sentence. He was immediately relieved. The pain was gone. All previous arguments from the discussion were swept away. The demonstration of the kingdom of God was really clear.

50 Healing and sin

“Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, ‘Do you want to get well?’ ‘Sir,’ the invalid replied, ‘I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.’ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, ‘See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.’”

John 5:1-9.14

Even sin did not stop Jesus from healing. Even the first person healed in the Bible was a sinner (Genesis 20:17-18). Even when the sickness is caused by sin, God can and want to heal that person. In order to remain healthy, a person already needs to turn away from sin (2 Timothy 2:19, Proverbs 3:7-8). Since He healed everyone in different places in Matthew’s gospel, He probably did so in this case as well. In any case, even if He healed just one person, it was by his decision, not because of “God’s leading” (John 5:19-21). We are God’s children, so we have a certain autonomy.

Greek words:

- **angel** – G32 – *angelos* – a messenger, an ambassador; one who is sent; a messenger from God; an angel
- **to whirl** – G5015 – *tarassō* – to disturb, to agitate, to shake; to cause inner turmoil, to deprive of peace of mind, to disturb equanimity; to stir up; to frighten (with the purpose of frightening, to arouse anxiety); to confuse with doubt; to dismay
- **to enter** – G1684 – *embainō* – to enter, to step in, to walk on
- **any** – G1221 – *dēpote* – once, sometime; however long, at any time, finally, exactly
- **disease** – G3553 – *nosēma* – a sickness, a disease, an ailment, a malady; a nausea, an urge to vomit

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51 Generational curse?

“As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned,’ said Jesus, ‘but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ‘Go,’ he told him, ‘wash in the Pool of Siloam’ (this word means ‘Sent’). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.”

John 9:1-7

Jesus breaks another tradition. The Old Testament-minded disciples expected a child to suffer for the sins of the parents. But Jesus came with a New Covenant that changed this (Ezekiel 18:20, 31; Jeremiah 31:29-34). If we accept Jesus as Lord, our spirit will be born again (John 3:6). We have only one generation back – God, the Father of spirits (Hebrews 12:9). We are generationally blessed (Ephesians 1:3). The powers that be are defeated and have no authority (Colossians 2:14-15). Having things happen to us like our parents is not a generational curse (1 Peter 1:17-23), we just need to know the Lord (2 Peter 1:2-4) and renew our minds with the word of God (Romans 12:1-2). In fact, the degree of our God-consciousness and the way we think determines what our life will be like here on earth (2 Kings 6:14-17). So let us not be pulled by the Devil after the things of the flesh and of this world, but let us

live by the Spirit of God. Let us not live by what others say about us, but by what God says about us (2 Corinthians 3:6; 2 Corinthians 5:7). At that moment, the Devil does not stand a chance (Romans 5:17).

Greek words:

- **birth** – G1079 – *genetē* – a birth, from birth
- **to sin** – G264 – *hamartanō* – to sin, to be guilty; to commit sin; to have no part, to miss the mark, to make a mistake, to err; to depart from the path of honesty and honour; to depart from God's law; to break God's laws
- **parents** – G1118 – *goneus* – a father (spiritual), a parent, parents
- **to manifest** – G5319 – *phaneroō* – to reveal, to show; to appear; to make visible; to make known something that was hidden or unknown, either by deeds or words; to become known, to be easily recognized; to understand completely, thoroughly
- **to have to** – G1163 – *dei* – is necessary (by nature, by circumstances, by the conduct of others, for the attainment of an end, by duty, by God's counsel and decree); is right, is proper, behaved

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52 Stirred up in the Spirit

“When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ‘Where have you laid him?’ he asked. ‘Come and see, Lord,’ they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’ Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ‘Take away the stone,’ he said. ‘But, Lord,’ said Martha, the sister of the dead man, ‘by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.’ Then Jesus said, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, ‘Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Take off the grave clothes and let him go.’”

John 11:33-44

Jesus became indignant in spirit to raise a man. Let us learn this. For the spiritual world moves the physical. We need to get out of human compassion and into God's. God's compassion releases life (John 7:38). Not sickness, but healing or resurrection is for God's glory (John 11:4). Next, we see that God definitely hears us. Let us be sure. Daniel had already discovered the same thing. When

things do not happen right away, it's not because God does not hear us. It is by opposition (Daniel 10:12-13; 1 John 5:15). So let us not bombard heaven with prayers, but let us enforce the will of Heaven here on earth. God is on our side. He is not the problem.

Greek words:

- **to become indignant** – G1690 – *embrimaomai* – to become indignant; to reprimand severely with a serious, earnest rebuke; to threaten with a ban; to be moved, to tremble
- **to see** – G3700 – *optanomai* – to appear; to be seen; to show himself; to gaze
- **fame** – G1391 – *doxa* – a glory, a praise, a splendour; a grandeur, a brightness, a radiance (of the moon, stars, sun); a magnificence, an excellence, a majesty (belonging to God); the most glorious state, the most glorified state (Christ's state after the resurrection); a Christian status; an opinion, a judgment, a view (concerning someone – always positive in the New Covenant, leading to praise)
- **to hear from** – G191 – *akouō* – to hear; to listen, to obey; to pay attention, to consider what is said, to understand; to perceive what has been said; to hear, to be equipped to hear
- **always** – G3842 – *pantote* – at all times, always, ever

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53 You have life in yourself

“One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer – at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, ‘Look at us!’ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, ‘Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.’ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.”

Acts 3:1-10

This story of healing, in the society of a well-known person, ruins other church traditions about healing. Peter was not returning from prayer, but had just gone to pray. He did not say that God was leading him, he simply saw the sick man. He did not wait for permission, he was already sent to heal. He did not urge the man to believe in God, but gave him what he had – the life of God (Ephesians 4:18, John 5:26, John 10:10, Matthew 10:8, Acts 3:16). Peter took the man by the hand, not by the head. But when

Peter was asked in whose power he did it, he said not his own, but God's (Acts 3:12-13). He knew he had God's power and that God was doing his Acts in him (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:22). He claimed that he did not accomplish the miracle by his holiness. While holiness is important (1 Peter 1:16), it is not related to power (Matthew 7:21-24). When we live in sin, sin often keeps us in judgment (1 John 2:19-2:24). But that does not mean God cannot work through us. Next we read that the lame man was completely, totally healed (Acts 3:16), which was probably Peter's intention (2 Thessalonians 1:11). Moreover, Peter was not entirely politically correct and hardly critical of the Israelites (Acts 3:14-15). This healing became the most discussed in the Bible, putting Peter and John before the Sanhedrin as Jesus promised (Luke 12:11). Apparently, everyone realized that the death of Jesus was only to *cloning him*, not to stop him (Acts 2:33, Hebrews 2:10-15, John 17:20-22, Colossians 3:11).

Greek words:

- **to expect** – G4328 – *prosdokaō* – to look forward (in thought, in hope, in fear); to wait; to seek, to look, to wait for
- **to grab** – G4084 – *piazō* – to catch (a fish), to take, to capture; to hunt; to seize for the purpose of entrapment
- **to strengthen** – G4732 – *stereoō* – to strengthen; to make firm; to confirm; to receive strength
- **to jump up** – G1814 – *exallomai* – to jump, to leap up
- **Praise** – G134 – *aineō* – to praise (God), to glorify, to extol; to permit, to commend; to promise, to swear

54 Ananias and Sapphira

“Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife’s full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles’ feet. Then Peter said, ‘Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.’ When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, ‘Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?’ ‘Yes,’ she said, ‘that is the price.’ Peter said to her, ‘How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.’ At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.”

Acts 5:1-11

With the gift of the Holy Spirit, all the gifts, the manifestations of the Spirit, came into us, and Peter saw it at once. He spoke in tongues, prophesied, healed at least one person, and had a word of

knowledge with discernment, by which spirit Ananias was tricked (Acts 2:1-5:11). So let the Holy Spirit work through us also. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are already in our spirit, they just need to get out (Colossians 2:1-10, 1 Corinthians 2:12). Let us expect God to meet the needs of people through us. And why did Ananias and Sapphira die? Just as Adam and Eve obeyed Satan (Genesis 3:1-6). Satan's words bring death. When the difference between light and darkness becomes more apparent, things like this happen (Woodrow, 2008). (Woodrow, 2008).

Greek words:

- **to lie** – G5574 – *pseudomai* – to lie; an attempt to lie; to deliberately tell a lie; to deceive; to deceive by falsehood
- **to die** – G1634 – *ekpsychō* – to die, to let the soul go; to breathe out (life)
- **to fear** – G5401 – *phobos* – a fear, a terror, a dismay; an intimidation; striking with terror; a reverence for the husband
- **to agree** – G4856 – *symphōneō* – to accord, to agree, to make a deal, to negotiate; to be harmonious, to fit something
- **to try** – G3985 – *peirazō* – to try the execution of a thing; to test, to endeavour; to try for the purpose of ascertaining quality or conduct (in a good or bad sense); to try faith by tempting to sin (negatively); to tempt God

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55 Vision of the Church

“The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon’s Colonnade. No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.”

Acts 5:12-16

The vision of the church is the presence of God radiating through man (2 Corinthians 4:6-7). This presence automatically draws the sick from everywhere. Even Jesus’ brother James knew this and urged the Jews to come to the church for healing (James 1:1, James 5:14-18). To heal the sick is like carrying a fire by which others are warmed. Let us be people who carry the fire. At the same time, let us lead others to carry the fire themselves. Otherwise, they will be cold when they leave our fire. We are spiritual beings, we change the spiritual atmosphere. Let us yield to the Spirit of God to change the spiritual atmosphere in the right direction (1 John 4:4). We have access to God who lives in us, we are his “medium” and this changes everything (Ephesians 3:11-13). God’s word heals (Psalm 107:20, Isaiah 55:10-13, 1 Kings 17:17-18). God’s kingdom brings restoration to the whole community (Ephesians 3:8-10, Isaiah 54:2-3). The Lord will confess even to one believer, for

one in faith is the majority (Exodus 14:10-16, Matthew 18:18-20). How much greater the effect would be if we united as a church in healing? The early church was clear on healing. The church unanimously prayed that the Lord would heal the sick. Then they all went and preached the word of God (Acts 4:24-31). The Lord confessed and attracted even the people from around (Acts 2:47). We need to grasp what the Lord's vision is for the church as a whole (1 Corinthians 12:28). It is upon the church that the Lord wants to reveal his wisdom to the governments and powers in heaven (Ephesians 3:8-21). So let us move each other forward (Acts 9:31; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14).

Greek words:

- **to glorify** – G3170 – *megalyō* – to magnify; to praise; to make conspicuous; to consider, to declare, to proclaim great; to esteem highly; to extol; to gain praise and glory
- **sick** – G772 – *asthenēs* – weak, feeble, strengthless, impotent, not robust; without strength; poor, needy; sick, sickly
- **to fall** – G1982 – *episkiazō* – to overshadow, to cast a shadow, to fall (of a shadow)
- **shadow** – G4639 – *skia* – a shadow, a gloom produced by the interception of light; an impression cast by an object representing the silhouette; an outline, a prefigurement
- **all** – G537 – *hapas* – all, whole; completely, wholly, utterly; every (one), all together

56 Full of the Spirit

“This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith. Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.”

Acts 6:5-8

First Church was full of “stars”. In Jerusalem alone, eleven apostles understood this (Acts 2:43, Acts 4:33, Acts 5:12), as did Barnabas, Paul, Ananias, or Stephen. We see that the first church was not just about the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which was the initial fulfilment (Acts 2:1-4). They were stirring up the Spirit, continually being filled with it (Acts 4:23-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:19). When we stir up the Spirit of God in us (for example, by preaching, proclamation, or praying in tongues), we begin to act under its influence (Ephesians 4:18-21). This is exactly what happened to Stephen. Stephen was full of the Holy Spirit, faith, grace, and power. For the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of faith (2 Corinthians 4:13, Psalm 116:10) and the Spirit of power, love, and reason (2 Timothy 1:6-8). Evidently, God shone out of Stephen as He did out of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8, Acts 6:15). Life can radiate from our whole being (2 Kings 13:20-21). No wonder the saints are drawn with a halo.

Greek words:

- **full** – G4134 – *plērēs* – full, filled (opposite to “empty”), complete; a surface with every part covered; the soul completely permeated; perfect, flawless, perfect
- **holy** – G40 – *hagios* – the holiest thing, holy, consecrated, sacred; saints; shrines, holy of holies
- **obedient** – G5219 – *hypakouō* – to obey, to obey a command; to be obedient, to hearken, to submit; to open (a door)
- **wonder** – G5059 – *teras* – a miracle (performed by someone), a wonder, a miracle child; a portent, a hint, a sign
- **people** – G2992 – *laos* – a people, a tribe, a nation, a large population gathered anywhere; a multitude

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57 Spiritual Dominion

“Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, ‘This man is rightly called the Great Power of God.’ They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.”

Acts 8:9-13

We are spiritual beings. Man was created to rule the earth (Genesis 1:26). The devil stole his dominion (Luke 4:6), but Jesus gave it back to him (Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 1:18). Every Christian is a spiritual authority here on earth. The baptism of the Spirit then gives him the power to hold that position in fullness. The most powerful Spirit in the universe lives in us. The Spirit who created the world lives in us (Genesis 1:2). The Spirit with a conquering mentality lives in us (1 Corinthians 15:55-57). He lives in us and is greater than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4). Philip knew this and proclaimed the kingdom of God. Where the gospel came, joy came (Acts 16:34). For witchcraft and manipulation destroy men (Galatians 5:20). So let us not be afraid of confrontations like Elijah, who with drought and fire confronted Baal, who was supposed to have power over the elements. This is the way to revival (1 Kings 17:1; 18:17-46).

Greek words:

- **to practice magic** – G3096 – *mageuō* – to be a magician, to practice magic arts; to use sorcery
- **to impress** – G1839 – *existēmi* – to confuse, to disturb; to astonish, to amaze, to bewitch, to wonder; to be beside oneself; to be insane, to be mad; to make one mad
- **magic** – G3095 – *mageia* – a magic, magical arts, a witchcraft, a sorcery
- **kingdom** – G932 – *basileia* – a royal power; an office of king; a kingdom, a territory subject to rule of king; a kingship
- **to baptize** – G907 – *baptizō* – to baptize, to immerse, to wash, to wash oneself; to dip repeatedly, to submerge; to cleanse by immersion, to cleanse by water, to bathe; to seize, take possession of, to overwhelm

Testimony: At Roadtrip 2020 in Zatec, my friend Joel and I talked about the Lord Jesus with a group of 20 young people. About half of them paid attention to us. During the conversation, one girl asked us: “And how can you be sure it is true?” After a moment’s pause, we in turn responded that we would pray for each of them. They agreed. Already to the first person, words of knowledge were coming to us, as well as for the others. Those who needed healing perceived a difference or a complete healing. The Holy Spirit ruled the place with an electrifying atmosphere. Everyone took this as an adequate answer to the question. The three girls gave their lives to the Lord that evening.

58 Paul's blindness

“Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ ‘Who are you, Lord?’ Saul asked. ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ he replied. ‘Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.’ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.”

Acts 9:1-9

When one looks into the light, one cannot see for a while. Paul looked quite intensely (Acts 22:6-11; Acts 26:12-20). The light illuminates even the hidden things, nothing is hidden in the light, so let us examine ourselves. We imitate our Lord Jesus. How did he live? What did he teach? What is our position and responsibility? What is the task of each of us?

Greek words:

- **suddenly** – G1810 – *exaiphnēs* – suddenly, of a sudden (unexpectedly), unexpectedly

- **to shine around** – G4015 – *periastraptō* – to light up, to set on fire; to shine around; to flash around
- **light** – G5457 – *phōs* – light (emitted by a lamp; from the heavens surrounded by angels); anything emitting light (stars, fire, lamp, torch, God, truth, something publicly revealed); power to understand something (moral and spiritual truth); brightness, suffering
- **mute** – G1769 – *eneos* – mute, dumb, silent, speechless; by terror, not being able to speak; by astonishment, to be silent; shocked, astonished, amazed
- **to lead by the hand** – G5496 – *cheiragōgeō* – to take, to lead by the hand

Parallel story: Acts 22:1-21, Acts 26:1-18

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59 A day of an ordinary disciple

“In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, ‘Ananias!’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ he answered. The Lord told him, ‘Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.’ ‘Lord,’ Ananias answered, ‘I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.’ But the Lord said to Ananias, ‘Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.’ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he 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.’ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.”

Acts 9:10-19

The ninth chapter of the book of Acts gives us a glimpse into the ordinary day of an ordinary disciple – a vision, the leading of the Holy Spirit, healing, prophecy (Acts 22:12-16), water baptism, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Simply life with God in the New Covenant. Ananias was not special (verse 10 – one disciple) or ordained to the ministry or anything like that. Each of us is called

to be a disciple like Ananias was.

Greek words:

- **to leave** – G565 – *aperchomai* – to go away, to depart (of diseases, demons, vanishing things); to depart, to follow; to pass away; to go out, to spread out
- **house** – G3614 – *oikia* – inhabited building; dwelling; household members, family; property, wealth, goods
- **on** – G1909 – *epi* – on, by, over, before, against
- **to fall** – G634 – *apopiptō* – to fall, to fall off; to slide off, to fall from
- **scale** – G3013 – *lepis* – a scale, a flake, a husk

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60 One with the Lord

“As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the Lord’s people who lived in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for eight years. ‘Aeneas,’ Peter said to him, ‘Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat.’ Immediately Aeneas got up. All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.”

Acts 9:32-35

What God has joined together, let not man put asunder (Matthew 19:6). We are one spirit with the Lord (1 Corinthians 6:17). He is the vine, we are the branches (John 15:5-7). We have the privilege of using his name (Matthew 28:18-20). We have his authority, power, word, Spirit. It is like with marriage (Ephesians 5:22-33). We are one with Him, with our God (Acts 2:37-39, 1 Corinthians 10:14-22, 2 Peter 1:3-4). This is the essence of the New Covenant (Matthew 26:26-29). Jesus is our healing and life (John 11:25). Christ is the tree that brings healing to the nations (Revelation 22:2). We are the branches on which the fruit grows. Peter had not the slightest doubt about this. Let us not separate ourselves from him by our opinions or attitudes (Romans 8:32-39).

Greek words:

- **to find** – G2147 – *heuriskō* – to come, to find; to find the thing sought (by research, thinking, examining, checking); to find by chance; to learn, to see, to discover, to understand; to be found, to be recognized; to perceive, to know (God); to acquire, to procure; to find oneself

- **paralyzed** – G3886 – *paralyō* – to loosen on one side; to loosen, to paralyze, to weaken; to dissolve; suffering from nerve looseness, weakness of the limbs, bruised knees
- **chained** – G2621 – *katakeimai* – to lie (sick), to lie down, to lie at a table, to dine
- **bed** – G2895 – *krabattos* – a cavalcade, a mattress, a folding couch; stretcher
- **to make your bed** – G4766 – *strōnn̄yō* – to spread out, to lay out; to arrange, to furnish, to make a bed

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Testimony: The Holy Spirit led me to a lady from Asia who was walking down the street. I asked her if she had any pain. She pointed to her shoulder, saying that she could not lift her arm at all. I briefly commanded her shoulder to be healthy. Immediately on the first test, the lady put her arm up and thanked me in amazement, saying the pain was gone. I told her that Jesus had healed her and that He deserved all the thanks.

61 Lord's disciple

“In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, ‘Please come at once!’ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, ‘Tabitha, get up.’ She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.”

Acts 9:36-43

It is not right for a man to die of disease (Woodrow, 2008). Disease is our enemy. Even the apostle Peter knew that. Furthermore, note the similarities of Peter's ministry to the ministry of the Lord Jesus. It is obvious that Peter learned from the Lord Jesus. He used the same arguments and showed boldness (Acts 4:8-13). And even his attitude in raising a man from the dead is strikingly reminiscent of the Lord's actions (Mark 5:36-43). Who did we learn from? Whom are we teaching? Discipleship must return

to the church (Matthew 28:18-20). Let us stop doing things that make us ashamed to make more disciples (2 Corinthians 4:2) and pass on the boldness and way of our lives (1 Corinthians 4:16-17, Philippians 3:17, Philippians 4:9).

Greek words:

- **to get sick** – G770 – *astheneō* – to be weak, feeble, diseased, feeble-minded; without strength; having little means, poor, needy; ill
- **to die** – G599 – *apothnēskō* – to die, to die (naturally, violently; material death – separation from God); be slain
- **to hesitate** – G3635 – *okneō* – (hesitation); to hesitate, to reluctant; to be reluctant, slow; to be late
- **to kneel** – G5087 – *tithēmi* – to put down; to set, to place; to lay down; to bend down; to lay aside (no longer to carry); to put money aside; to serve; to lay out, to explain (by discourse), to explain; to establish firmly, establish, order, make; to set up for one's use
+ G1119 – *gony* – the knee, to kneel
- **well-known** – G1110 – *gnōstos* – well-known; knowable; obvious; remarkable, significant, eminent, notable

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62 God is with you

“You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – 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 10:36-38

Peter reminds us of the way God uses to heal – it is by his word (Psalm 107:20). Believing God’s word and living by it in spite of what we see is God’s way (Romans 8:14, 2 Corinthians 5:7, 3 John 1:4). For the words we believe are materialized in our lives (John 1:14). Let us not let God’s word be stolen from us. With God’s word, we thrive on whatever we touch. (Psalm 1:1-3). As long as Adam and Eve held on to God’s word, they lived in paradise. Besides, Jesus is the word. In this passage, Peter reveals another reason why Jesus healed. Jesus healed because God was with him (Acts 7:9, Exodus 3:11-13). What was said about Jesus is said about us (Matthew 5:14, Matthew 28:20, John 8:12). He is our elder brother (John 12:24, Hebrews 2:10-15, Romans 8:19), so let us imitate him.

Greek words:

- **to anoint** – G5548 – *chriō* – to anoint, to consecrate, to separate

- **word** – G4487 – *rēma* – an utterance, something spoken, a word; a statement, a command; a speech, a discourse; a sentence (a statement of one’s thoughts in words); a declaration, a message; relating to a case; the subject of a speech, the thing spoken of (a cause, a controversy, a law)
- **to suffer under power** – G2616 – *katadynastēuō* – to oppress; to behave tyrannically; to use force against someone; to exercise dominion against
- **to do well** – G2109 – *euergeteō* – to do good; to grant, to give aid; to benefit, an allowance
- **with** – G3326 – *meta* –with, after, for; at, by, between

Testimony: In the fall 2018, I, Stanka, and three other people from CBH went on a mission trip to Slovenia. We had a seminar there on prophecy, healing and spiritual gifts. Stanka spoke about prophecy, and people prophesied. Two people were baptized with the Holy Spirit. God acted. On the eve of my teaching on spiritual gifts, I was thinking about how a preacher prayed at the end of her sermon and encouraged people to receive words of knowledge for themselves. I, too, received the word of knowledge for the first time in my life at that time. The Lord reminded me that He has no favourites. At the end of the sermon on spiritual gifts, I gave the same exhortation, and after the break, I did a survey. At least a third of the people had the words of knowledge! I then went on to preach on healing by the power of God, and one lady testified afterwards that she was healed without anyone praying for her. That was just one of the healings we experienced that day.

63 Barjezus

“They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, ‘You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun.’ Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.”

Acts 13:6-12

As in the story of Ananias and Sapphira – Barjesus listened to Satan. Being someone’s son is classified by the Bible according to obedience to the words of the given spiritual being (Ephesians 2:1-3). Paul did not walk with the Lord Jesus (Luke 9:55). Instead, he read the prophets and saw Elisha do a similar thing (2 Kings 1:1-18, 2 Kings 6:17-20). He knew he had power, so he used it (Acts 1:8). Rather, let us take the example of the Lord Jesus. Take from Paul that he preached and was filled with the Spirit – so let us also preach the gospel, let us be filled with the Spirit, because

then things happen.

Greek words:

- **a false prophet** – G5578 – *pseudoprophētēs* – a false prophet; a spurious prophet, pretended foreteller or religious impostor; one who acts as a divinely inspired prophet but speaks lies in the name of divine prophecies
- **to crave** – G1934 – *epizēteō* – to seek, to search, to seek diligently; to wrestle, to desire, to crave; to demand
- **filled** – G4130 – *pimplēmi* – to fill; to cast; to pour; to be filled, to fulfil
- **devil** – G1228 – *diabolos* – inclined, prone to slander; slanderous, gossipy, falsely accusing; slanderer; a false accuser; one who opposes the things of God – acting on the side of the Devil
- **teaching** – G1322 – *didachē* – a doctrine, an instruction; that which is taught; to teach concerning something; to instruct (in Christian circles as opposed to other kinds of public speaking); the act of teaching

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64 Lock on

“In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out, ‘Stand up on your feet!’ At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, ‘The gods have come down to us in human form!’ Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker.”

Acts 14:8-12

Another key to the ministry of healing is the ability to lock on. And not just in a particular situation but in the whole direction of our lives (Luke 9:51). The ability to focus is one of the fruits of the Spirit (self-control, patience, i.e. perseverance, steadfastness, constancy). If we want to achieve consistent results, we need to stay focused every day, morning and evening throughout our lives (Joshua 1:5-9). So, let us not always look for something new. Let us want to grasp the gospel *in depth*. We also need to respond in a focused way, even in specific situations, as the apostle Paul did in this case. When our eyes rest on someone, it is time to act (Acts 3:4). In addition, we can note that many healings and deliverances have taken place in public, often with crowds watching the situation (Matthew 9:32-33). This, too, requires our ability to focus.

Greek words:

- **disabled** – G102 – *adynatos* – without strength, powerless, weak; to make impossible; not possible (to the law)
- **leg** – G4228 – *pous* – a foot (of man and beast); in the Orient – one stepped on the loser with his foot; an apprentice – obeyed and learned at the feet of the teacher
- **to be** – G5225 – *hyparchō* – to be, to find, to belong; to make a beginning; to begin; to exist; to come, to ascend; to be ready, to be at hand
- **to gaze intently** – G816 – *atenizō* – to gaze intently; to stare; to look into; to fix the mind earnestly on someone as an example; to set eyes
- **to jump up** – G242 – *hallomai* – to leap, to jump, to soar; to emerge, to arise; to gush, to spring up (of water)

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Testimony: At a family celebration in January 2020, I sat next to a cousin who confided to me halfway through lunch that he had a migraine. I decided not to wait for his permission. I turned to him, put my hands on his shoulder and ordered the migraine to go away. My cousin was a little surprised, but in any case, the headache subsided, and I was able to testify to him on that basis about our Lord, who is good.

65 Teach others

“Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.”

Acts 14:19-20

Paul took seriously the Lord’s command to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20). He was not afraid to go into the world, even though he did not know exactly where he should go (Acts 16:6-10). Making disciples obviously paid off when he was stoned to death. His people knew what to do and who to trust.

Greek words:

- **to convince** – G3982 – *peithō* – to persuade; to persuade someone by words to believe; to persuade; to establish friendship; to gain reputation; to try to win someone over; to try to please; to reassure; to move someone to action by persuasion; to be persuaded; to believe in something, to believe about someone; to obey, to submit, to abide; to have confidence, to be sure, to be confident; to seduce
- **to stone** – G3034 – *lithazō* – to stone (with stones); to throw stones to wound or kill (a Jewish form of punishment)
- **to think** – G3543 – *nomizō* – to consider, think, suppose, presume; to hold by custom, to possess by custom; to follow a custom, an anxiety; an accepted usage, a habit

- **to access** – G2944 – *kykloō* – to go around, to surround, to encircle, to make a circle around (people); encircle (siege)
- **to get up** – G450 – *anistēmi* – to awaken, to cause to arise; to rise, to strain; to rise (from lying down, from the dead), to bring about, cause to be born, to appear; to stand up (from lying down, from a seat, from a place); to appear (royal prophets, princes, leaders of rebels); to rise up against someone (even in discussion, business, accomplishing something)

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Testimony: On the day of his conversion and baptism with the Holy Spirit, my friend Mark asked me: “How is it with the healing?” I told him it was simple. Just lay your hands and command what you want to happen. Over the next two weeks, Mark wrote me six testimonies of laying hands on the sick and being healed. These were abdominal pain, joint pain and lung problems.

66 To serve by the power of God

“Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, ‘These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.’ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, ‘In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!’ At that moment the spirit left her. When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities.”

Acts 16:16-19

Another aspect of faith is in Isaiah 46:10. Faith proclaims the end from the beginning. Our goal is “both in heaven and on earth” (Matthew 6:10). At the same time, the word “to be” (both in heaven and on earth) means completion, completeness, and wholeness. So even though Paul healed in different ways (here just using discernment of spirits and speaking directly to the spirit, not the woman, 1 John 4:1-5), he always accomplished his goal. We can think of it, for example, as processing an Excel document. First, we need to have an idea of the result, and then we achieve it. When we do not have that idea, we have a hard time (Proverbs 29:18). Likewise, when it comes to healing, God’s will is clear – to establish healing (alone or in multiple people – Matthew 16:19, Matthew 18:18-20). Note, moreover, that Paul was not long after the quarrel with Barnabas (Acts 15:36-41), but apparently, that

did not stop the power of God.

Greek words:

- **oracular** – G4436 – *pythōn* – an oracular spirit; the name of the Pythian serpent that guarded the oracle at Delphi, killed by Apollo
- **fortune telling** – G3132 – *manteuomai* – to act as a soothsayer, a seer, a prophet; to divine, to foretell
- **highest** – G5310 – *hypsistos* – the highest, the highest place, the highest position (supreme God); on high
- **to outrage** – G1278 – *diaponeomai* – to be indignant; to bear badly; to labor laboriously, to toil; to finish a work; to make an effort, to strive; to manage with pains; to accomplish with great labor
- **to turn around** – G1994 – *epistrephō* – to turn back (to someone), to worship the true God; to return, to come back; to cause to turn, to bring back

Testimony: Stanka and I ministered healing to one friend several times. We regularly talked about God and prayed together. My friend also studied healing through the power of God. So she was not surprised when we began to command the sickness to leave her. But then she told us that a voice began speaking loudly in her ear, declaring the exact opposite of what we were saying. So I spoke to the spirit to leave her. Our friend then confirmed that the voice had moved away from her and was no longer saying anything loudly in her ear.

67 Accumulator of power

“God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.”

Acts 19:11-12

God worked through Jesus (Acts 2:22), and now He wants to work through each of us (Acts 15:12; Romans 15:18-21). That is why He came into us. We are his temple (1 Corinthians 6:17). Electricity has always been there, we just did not know how to use it. Then Benjamin Franklin came along with the idea that something like this must work on a mechanical basis. And he searched until he found it (Matthew 7:7). He did not give up, and he persevered. And now all we have to do is turn on the light switch in our home. Just as electricity can be accumulated and released, so too can God’s power (Liardon, 1999). Power went out from Jesus and healed all (Luke 6:19). The man was resurrected when he fell on Elisha’s bones (2 Kings 13:21). People were healed when they were near the dead body of J. A. Dowie (Liardon, 2000), or when they touched the wooden staff into which John G. Lake (Liardon, 1999) released power. Moses experienced similar things (Numbers 21:7-9). We just need to believe that God is willing and able to act this way through us (Matthew 17:20). (Note: death occurs when the spirit leaves the body – Matthew 27:50 – i.e., the body can serve as an accumulator of God’s power even after death; of course, we are not to seek out graves to soak up some “anointing”. We are to look to the Lord for our strength.)

Greek words:

- **body** – G5559 – *chrōs* – the body surface, a skin
- **scarf** – G4676 – *soudarion* – a scarf; a handkerchief
- **apron** – G4612 – *simikinthion* – a scarf; a handkerchief; a narrow apron (for servants)
- **to deliver** – G525 – *apallassō* – to free, to release; to remove; to dismiss, to get rid of; to deliver; to be removed; to withdraw, to go away, to leave
- **bad** – G4190 – *ponēros* – ignoble, wicked, bad; ill; a full of labor, a trouble, a hardship; causing pain and trouble; of bad nature or condition

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Testimony: One time, I wanted to go pray for a friend because she was sick. Unfortunately, her mom was against it. However, the friend’s boyfriend visited us, and we prayed for a shawl and sent it to her. The next day, my friend called me all excited that she was wearing the shawl and that her mom, who was also sick, was wearing the other one. Her mother had recovered, so she agreed that I could pray for my friend in person as well. I was very glad that “prayer shawls” opened the door in this way. And why did we send two of them? Because the shawls were sold in a larger package and were folded in pairs in the same colour, which I did not know. So, I accidentally sent my friend an extra one. God is good, and he can use our mistakes for his glory.

68 Covenant with God

“Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, ‘In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.’ Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. One day the evil spirit answered them, ‘Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?’ Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding. When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.”

Acts 19:13-20

Paradoxically, many people are afraid to cast out demons because of this story. However, this story only shows the danger of trying to set others free when one does not have the Covenant with God through the blood of Jesus Christ. The Jewish spell casters had seen Paul simply heal and cast out demons, and so they wanted to try it too. They got it wrong. That is not our case. We have the Covenant with God through Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:26-28; Hebrews 12:12-14). He who is in us is greater than the demons (1 John 4:4), and Jesus sends us to cast them out (John 17:18),

and so set people free. So let us be aware of God in our lives (2 Kings 6:8-23) and let him work through us. Conversely, let us not be caught off guard when an evil spirit begins to speak or act through another person.

Greek words:

- **charmer** – G1845 – *exorkistēs* – an exorcist; one who draws (exorcises) an oath from someone; a conjurer; one who uses an incantation to cast out a demon
- **to adjure** – G3726 – *horkizō* – to make swear; to take someone under oath; to swear
- **to know** – G1987 – *epistamai* – to understand, to comprehend; to focus the thoughts; to turn one's mind to; to think over things; to be familiar with, to know
- **to overwhelm** – G2634 – *kataklyrieuō* – to bow down to; to subdue, to dominate; to hold in subjection; to rule
- **to hurt** – G5135 – *traumatizō* – to wound (bloodily)

Testimony: We shared and prayed at the home group. There was a relative present who had a bumped wrist. She had pain in it for several weeks. At the end of the group, we placed our hands on her hand and commanded her to be healed. The pain was reduced by about 80%. The next day, the hand was 100% better. However, after a few days, the pain returned. The relative remembered how we banished the pain in Jesus' name. So she did the same thing when she was home alone. She then went to sleep, and in the morning, the pain was completely gone and did not return.

69 Find yourself in Scriptures

“On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. ‘Don’t be alarmed,’ he said. ‘He’s alive!’ Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.”

Acts 20:7-12

Paul did not have the privilege of walking with Jesus like Peter, John, or James (Mark 5:36-43). He had absolutely no one to learn from. So he had no choice but to recognize who he was in Christ Jesus (Galatians 1:15-16), to understand that even the least in God’s kingdom is greater than the greatest prophet (Matthew 11:11, Luke 7:28), and to imitate in faith those he read about (1 Kings 17:19-24, 2 Kings 4:31-37, Hebrews 13:7-8). Let us do the same, because we too are believers and are being formed into the likeness of Christ (Galatians 4:19, Colossians 1:27-29).

Greek words:

- **to break** – G2806 – *klaō* – to break; to break the bread of union, fusion

- **to sleep** – G5258 – *hypnos* – to sleep
- **to talk** – G1256 – *dialegomai* – to talk; to converse, to argue, to discuss; to think about various things, to engage in conversation; to consider; to reflect in the mind
- **to fall on** – G1968 – *epiptō* – to fall upon (of the Holy Spirit, drills), to throw oneself upon, to press upon, to rush upon; to fall into the embrace; to seize; to take possession of; to bow down
- **to embrace** – G4843 – *sympetilambanō* – to grasp at once; to embrace completely; to take in arms

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Your testimony: _____

70 We represent Jesus

“There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days. His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured. They honored us in many ways; and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.”

Acts 28:7-10

A beautiful example of effective evangelism – going into a house and healing the sick (Matthew 10:1-15). This is exactly what Jesus talked about (Matthew 25:35-46), and Paul clearly led everyone in the early church to such a ministry (Acts 20:35). We are to visit the sick to heal them. Paul clearly grasped what we need to grasp as well – we are the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-13), we are the flesh of his body and the bones of his bones (Genesis 2:23, 1 Chronicles 11:1, Ephesians 5:30). On earth we represent Jesus in deed and word (John 16:23-27, Colossians 3:17). We are even promised to do greater acts than He did (John 14:12-14)!

Greek words:

- **host** – G3579 – *xenizō* – to receive as a guest, to invite, to entertain; hospitable, friendly; to receive hospitably; to stay as a guest; to accommodate, to be accommodated; to astonish; to be astonished
- **dysentery** – G1420 – *dysenteria* – a dysentery

- **to enter** – G1525 – *eiserchomai* – to go out; to enter (into a city; Satan into a person; food into the mouth); to enter into a state, a company, an employment; to rise, to come into existence, to begin to be; to come before the public; a thought that comes into the mind; to have a part, a share
- **to insert** – G2007 – *epitithēmi* – to lay, to lay upon; to impose; to attack, to assault; to afflict; to add
- **to respect** – G5091 – *timaō* – to estimate, to appreciate; to honour, to reverence, to hold in reverence, to esteem

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Testimony: When COVID-19 broke out in 2020 and everything was closing, I immediately went to pray. Despite I am not a fan of social media, the Lord led me to start teaching on my Facebook profile. I started with a few different topics and then followed up with a series on healing by the power of God. Right after the first teaching on healing, I received feedback. One lady who had only listened to the teaching was healed! But the next day she wrote that her sickness had returned. I encouraged her not to hesitate to listen to the sermon again. So we see that healing comes from the word of God being preached, not from who or when it is preached. This is how God wants to use his word through each of us!

71 The Spirit revives

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.”

Romans 8:11

We need to know more about the Holy Spirit. Every spirit (Holy Spirit, Communism, Nazism, LGBT) has its own mindset (Romans 8:6) and intentions here on earth (Matthew 6:10). We are here to extend the rule of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-20) and fulfil his purposes. The Kingdom of God begins as a small seed that will grow and eventually permeate our entire lives and society (Matthew 13:31-32). It is the Holy Spirit who quickens (heals) our bodies and wants to heal whole nations (Isaiah 58:8). He has set us free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2). For He is greater than this world (Galatians 6:14). Through him we reign as kings in the realm of life (Romans 5:17). Therefore, let us bring new birth, peace, joy, healing, and encouragement to the world.

Greek words:

- **to dwell** – G3611 – *oikeō* – to dwell, to reside, to stay, to live in
- **to revive** – G2227 – *zōopoieō* – to animate, to fill with life; to produce fullness of life, to cause life, to renew life, to reintroduce life; a spiritual power to arouse, to raise up, to quicken
- **mortal** – G2349 – *thnētos* – subject to death, mortal

- **body** – G4983 – *sōma* – the body of a man (animal); a dead or living body; a planet, a star, people closely united in communion (the church – the body of Christ)
- **to dwell** – G1774 – *enoikeō* – to dwell, to reside, to abide, to live in, to inhabit and

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Testimony: When I was in elementary school and high school, I often had bronchitis. It used to be twice a year. I even had pneumonia once. When Stanka and I took the ministry at Connect, within two weeks, I had bronchitis again. And six months later, again. I began to notice that with bronchitis, my body was reacting to spiritual pressures. But I figured that it might not be the case. Jesus Christ paid the price for our healing. I began to renew my mind in this area as well, and since then, the bronchitis associated with spiritual pressures has completely ceased. And when the pressure comes, I am able to withstand it in this area.

72 The Gift of God

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”

Romans 8:26-27

Through the baptism of the Holy Spirit we did not only received the power to witness effectively (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8). It is an unsaleable gift of God himself (Acts 8:20, 2 Timothy 1:6). This is the promise made to Abraham (Galatians 3:14). We have a brand new, holy nature (Galatians 3:23-26). The New Covenant is not about keeping the law. The New Covenant is about learning from Christ (Ephesians 4:21) and submitting to the Spirit of God so that He can do his acts in us (Romans 15:16-21). And in addition to reading God’s word, preaching and proclaiming it (Joshua 1:8, 2 Timothy 4:2), it is praying in tongues that ignites the gift of God in us. Paul says that he prays more than everybody else in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:18) and also that God works mightily in him (Colossians 1:29). Another benefit of praying in tongues is precisely that the Spirit takes up the weaknesses of our souls and bodies and revives and transforms them (Galatians 5:22-23, Romans 8:11, Romans 8:26-27, Hebrews 4:15). If we are looking for motivation in life, or feel like we are burning out, be sure to pray in tongues (freely hours a day) and the Spirit of God will revive us and show us his plans (Bevere & Bevere, 2013).

Greek words:

- **to help** – G4878 – *synantilambanomai* – to hold together; to strive, to struggle together with others for the purpose of gaining; to help achieve; to take charge
- **to pray** – G4336 – *proseuchomai* – to offer prayers; to supplicate; to pray diligently; to make an effort to pray
- **to search** – G2045 – *eraunaō* – to examine, to search, to seek, to inspect; to test, to investigate, to try, to consider (a proposal)
- **mind** – G5427 – *phronēma* – what is in one's mind, thoughts, intentions; thinking; striving, effort
- **to make intercession** – G1793 – *entygchanō* – to plead for someone, to pray, to make an effort to plead; to take note; to come to (think of a solution); to agree, to identify, to accept something, to get together; to meet for the purpose of talking, conversation, consultation; supplications (requests)

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73 The Lord's Supper

“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, »This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.« In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, »This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.« For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

The disciples understood that Jesus was making a brand New Covenant with them, (Kenyon, 1949). The same Greek word *kainos* that is used for new tongues, or a new creation, means unprecedented, new, of a new kind, unheard of. The meaning of the blood covenant is that what is yours is at once the opposite and vice versa (Luke 22:29; 2 Corinthians 5:15). Moreover, for example, the man-eaters already believed that if they ate flesh from the altar of

their gods (Liardon, 1999), they would be one with them (1 Corinthians 10:14-22). Does not this remind us that we share in God's nature (2 Peter 1:3-4)? We have become one with God; therefore, we are to discern the Lord's body. We need to be aware of his presence, which heals. That is to discern the Lord's body. Even in the time of Job, Elihu understood the exchange of lives in the sacrifice (Job 33:24). Even the Old Testament shows us prefigurations of Christ's sacrifice – the cleansing of the leper (Leviticus 14:1-32), the lifting up of the serpent in the desert (Numbers 21:8), or Hezekiah's prayer during the Passover (the Lord's Supper). All were healed at that time (2 Paralipomenon 30:18-20). Let us remain constantly focused on the Lord who is the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:1-2). Let us not separate ourselves from him (Romans 8:31-39). We are now teammates on one team. We are no longer “me” and “Him”, but “we”. At the Lord's Supper, let us reexamine and recognize what Christ's sacrifice really means to us. The Lord's Supper is not just a symbol, it is the power of communion with our God (2 Corinthians 13:13, 1 John 1:1-2:2).

Parallel story: Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-26, Luke 22:14-20, John 6:52-59

Greek words:

- **covenant** – G1242 – *diathēkē* – an arrangement, a provision; the last word, testament; the last will; a covenant (firm, solid)
- **remembrance** – G364 – *anamnēsis* – a memory, a remembrance

- **to prove** – G1381 – *dokimazō* – to test, to examine, to prove, to recognize as true, to approve, to deem worthy
- **to preach** – G2605 – *katangellō* – to announce, to proclaim; to declare publicly; to denounce, to report, to betray
- **to discern** – G1252 – *diakrinō* – to separate, to distinguish; to prefer; to decide; to agree; to determine; to doubt

74 Gifts of the Spirit

“Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, ‘Jesus be cursed,’ and no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.”

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Paul wrote more about spiritual manifestations only to the most carnal church in the Bible (1 Corinthians 3:1-3). He did not want them to be ignorant of the subject. At the same time, he immediately directs them to love (1 Corinthians 12:31-14:1). For love does not think about itself. Love wants to meet the needs of another (Philippians 4:19), and so where we cannot reach, the Lord acts with his gifts and manifestations. The adult church (Philippians,

for example) lived with a spiritual mindset, and therefore, there was no room for “death” – lack, sickness, broken relationships, separation from the Father (Romans 8:6). So let us not address whether we have “this or that gift” or not. Let us not be pre-occupied with ourselves. With the Holy Spirit, all the gifts of the Spirit have come into us. Moreover, 1 Corinthians 12:1 does not speak of “spiritual gifts” but only of “spirituality” and the rest of the passage emphasizes the common benefit and willingness of the Spirit to give. Moreover, “to one” may not be translated as “to one” in verse eight, but as “once”. Depending on where you are right now and what is needed, the Holy Spirit wants to work through you without limitation. So let us not fear the Holy Spirit and reveal God’s love to this world (John 14:8-10; John 17:21).

Greek words:

- **spiritual** – G4152 – *pneumatikos* – spiritual (gifts, things, powers); pertaining to the human spirit; pertaining to the Spirit of God; pertaining to breath or wind
- **ignorance** – G50 – *agnoeō* – not to be aware, not to know; not to understand; to err; to make a sin, a mistake, to ignore, to be ignorant
- **to profit** – G4851 – *symppherō* – to carry, to bring together (at the same time); to bring with others; to contribute (as help) to aid; to be beneficial, suitable, advantageous, useful
- **which** – G3739 – *hos* – who, what, which, that
+ G3303 – *men* – really, truly, sincerely, (quite) surely
- **healing** – G2386 – *iama* – a healing, a cure, a solution

75 Yes or no?

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.”

1 Corinthians 12:27-31

As was said in the last story – let us love people rather than examine gifts. Obviously, everything listed here is established in the church. Not in the days of the apostles or in the first century, but in the church. This passage is a quiz at the end of the twelfth chapter of 1 Corinthians. The first three questions are answered by “NO”, and the remaining “YES”. The first three questions are on the ministry of the Spirit, and the remaining four are on the gifts. A particular ministry is not for everyone; the gifts, on the other hand, are all for everyone. There is no reason for it to be otherwise unless there is an unbeliever in the assembly or a person who has not yet been baptized in the Holy Spirit. The question is whether we are able to believe all that God has in store for us (Ephesians 2:10).

Greek words:

- **gift** – G5486 – *charisma* – a gift (without merit); the gift of God’s grace (concerning redemption and the manifestation of the Spirit)
- **better** – G2909 – *kreittōn* – better, more valuable, more excellent; more useful, advantageous, favorable, serviceable
- **to desire** – G2206 – *zēloō* – to be zealous, to strive, to be feverish with desire; to be ardent, enthusiastic for good; to desire sincerely; to be preoccupied with something; to be seething with jealousy, anger, hatred
- **more excellent** – G5236 – *hyperbolē* – a preponderance, an excess; beyond all measure, immeasurable, superior, eminent
- **way** – G3598 – *hodos* – a way (road, path travelled); a way of behaving, feeling, thinking, deciding; learning

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76 Thorn in the flesh

“Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul’s thorn in the flesh. First of all, it was Satan’s angel, not God’s. Second, when the Bible speaks of a thorn, it speaks of oppression and persecution (Numbers 33:55; Joshua 23:13). Likewise, Paul here puts the thorn in the context of persecution (2 Corinthians 11:23-12:10). The thorn, then, is an angel or person, not a thing or disease. Paul mentions sickness nowhere in the list of afflictions in 2 Corinthians 11:23-12:10. Third, he received it because of an extraordinary revelation. Revelation often comes through praying in tongues and interpreting them (1 Corinthians 14:5-6). Paul wrote almost half of the New Testament. Fourth, “in” body describes the external pressure, just as with marriage, Paul warns of “in”the flesh tribulation (1 Corinthians 7:27). Fifth, nowhere is it written that it did not leave Paul the third time.

Greek words:

- **revelation** – G602 – *apokalypsis* – a revelation, an unveiling; to lie naked, to make uncovered, open; the revelation of a truth, command, instruction (things, events previously unknown, hidden to the eye); to appear, to materialize
- **thorn** – G4647 – *skolops* – a thorn, a barb; a pointed piece of wood, a (sharp) stake, a spike
- **flesh** – G4561 – *sarx* – a flesh; sensual nature (as opposed to spiritual), sensual nature driven to sin
- **grace** – G5485 – *charis* – grace giving pleasure; delight, deliciousness, delight; pardon, good will, favor of God (toward men through Christ); evidence of grace; gratitude; reward, compensation; recognition, trust, credit
- **to suffice** – G714 – *arkeō* – to suffice; to possess unwavering strength; to be strong, to be sufficient (to defend, to spark), to be content, to be satisfied; to be content with

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77 Paul's eyes

“As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you, and even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself. Where, then, is your blessing of me now? I can testify that, if you could have done so, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me.”

Galatians 4:13-15

Paul is talking about his relationship with the Galatians, not his eye problems. He is talking about their surrender to him. Just as the Galatians would have given Paul their eyes, they would have given him their hands and feet. To use this as an argument that Paul was sick or that God does not want people to be healthy is misleading. On the contrary, Paul was overflowing with life (Acts 19:1-2; Galatians 3:3-5).

Greek words:

- **to preach the gospel** – G2097 – *euangelizō* – to proclaim (glad tidings); to bring good news; of the glad tidings of God's goodness, especially of Messianic blessings; to be proclaimed; to hear the gospel proclaimed
- **to receive** – G1209 – *dechomai* – to receive; to take in hand, to take hold of, place of receiving someone; to gain, to grant access; not to refuse friendship; to receive hospitality; to receive into the family for training, education; of a spoken

thing – to receive favourably, to grasp, to give attention to, to take as one’s own, not to refuse; to take upon oneself; to love; to bear

- **Christ** – G5547 – *Christos* – Christ = “the anointed one”; Christ was and is the Messiah, the Son of God
- **Jesus** – G2424 – *iēsous* – Jesus = “Jehovah is salvation”; Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior of mankind, God incarnate; Barabbas, Joshua, son of Eliezer; Jesus called Justus
- **blessedness** – G3108 – *makarismos* – to bless, to pronounce blessed; to pronounce a blessing upon someone

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Testimony: In the summer of 2019, we organized a small tour among the churches. With four people, we wanted to preach about healing and prophecy in five days in five churches in Czechia. At the same time, we also wanted to take people from the congregation into the practice of evangelism and prophecy. But just before we left, all three colleagues and the dog of one of our team members began vomiting. We suspected it was just “spiritual pressure” for our trip, so we went anyway. And on the first day of our trip, all of the colleagues and the dog stopped vomiting. Praise God that he is greater than all!

78 The law of sowing

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Galatians 6:7-10

What a man sows, that shall he reap. In other words, blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy (Matthew 5:7). Abraham had rich experience with this. Childless himself, he prayed for Abimelech’s fertility (Genesis 20:17-18). Immediately afterwards, his wife Sarah became pregnant as well. Job had a similar experience – God changed his lot when Job prayed for his friends (Job 42:10). So let us not look to ourselves, but let us be a blessing to others (Genesis 21:1-2; Galatians 3:8). Let us treat others as we want to be treated. When they are sick, let us heal them, even if we do not know them. Moreover, the Lord has made us heirs of eternal life. Should not this fullness of life (John 10:10) already be manifested here on earth (John 17:3)? We now live under the law of the Spirit of life (Romans 8:2). Should we not enjoy full health and power like Moses (Deuteronomy 34:7), Joshua (Joshua 24:29), or Caleb (Joshua 14:6-15:14)? The Holy Spirit quickens us (Romans 8:11, Psalm 103:5) and preserves us (1 Thessalonians 5:23, Deuteronomy 8:4). God restores our youth (Psalm 103:6).

Greek words:

- **to mock** – G3456 – *myktērizō* – to mock, to ridicule; to grin, to sneer; to smile scornfully
- **to sow** – G4687 – *speirō* – to sow, to scatter; a sower; one who has sown
- **reap** – G2325 – *therizō* – to reap, harvest; to cut off, break off, to stop, to destroy (as reaped by the sickle); a reaper
- **life** – G2222 – *zōē* – a life (bodily and spiritual); the state of being endowed with vitality; fullness of life (as Jesus – the word made flesh); a life real and true, active and vigorous, devoted to God, blessed (here and forever); a living being
- **eternal** – G166 – *aiōnios* – eternal; everlasting; that which always was and always will be; never ceasing; ancient

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79 Epaphroditus near death

“But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.”

Philippians 2:25-30

Another testimony about God’s will to heal man. Epaphroditus was dedicated to the gospel (Revelation 2:4-5). He worked so intensely for the Lord that he almost died. God had mercy on him and healed him.

Greek words:

- **Epaphroditus** – G1891 – *epaphroditos* – Epaphroditus = “kind, beautiful, handsome, pleasant”, Paul’s companion
- **brother** – G80 – *adelphos* – brother (with at least one parent), belonging to the same people (having the same national ancestor), a friend, a co-worker; a fellow believer, united by a bond of affection; brothers in Christ (through blood, glorified by the same heavenly prize); a fellow tribesman

- **fellow soldier** – G4961 – *systratiōtēs* – a fellow soldier; a co-worker in work and in fighting for Christ
- **apostle** – G652 – *apostolos* – an apostle (of the original twelve and others), a missionary; a delegate; a messenger, one sent with orders
- **close** – G3897 – *paraplēsios* – close by, near, almost

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80 Doctor Luke

“Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings.”

Colossians 4:14

It is not doctor as a doctor. People also said of Jesus that He was a physician and the title Dr. was given to great men who healed by the power of God such as Dr. Lake (Liardon, 1999) and Dr. Sumrall (Liardon, 2011). Dr. Lake was even arrested once for healing the sick by the power of God – he was providing medical help without proper authorization (Liardon, 2000). Moreover, after hearing Lake’s teachings and witnessing people healed, more than one doctor quit the profession and began ministering healing by the power of God. (Liardon, 1999).

Greek words:

- **to salute** – G782 – *aspazomai* – to greet, to salute, to welcome, to wash well, to joyfully receive; to bid farewell
- **beloved** – G27 – *agapētos* – beloved, dear, esteemed, dear, favourite; the only one
- **physician** – G2395 – *iatros* – a physician
- **Luke** – G3065 – *loukas* – Luke – “light-giving”; Paul’s companion in preaching the Gospel and on his travels; author of Acts and the Gospel of Luke
- **Demas** – G1214 – *dēmas* – Demas – “governor of the people”; Paul’s guide; left Paul when he was taken prisoner in Rome and returned to Thessalonica

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Testimony: The next testimony is again from Roadtrip 2019. On the fourth day of our trip, we arrived in Kolin. I was excited to see what was going to happen. We hit the streets with our friends Honza and David. The first girl whose knee I prayed for and told her that God’s kingdom had come to her was immediately healed. She sensed God’s presence and said she had never experienced this in church. After that, David and I went to the train station. David commanded a lady with back pain to leave, and within a moment, the pain was completely gone. Her friend, who had a “incurable disease” of lungs, responded. Their lung function was limited to 85%, and they could not even walk up the stairs. But after the release of God’s power, she began to walk up and down the stairs without gasping. Praise God that He delivers us from all sickness. The best thing to do is “power” and “your faith” not to worry, be relaxed and expect God to fix what is needed.

81 Timothy's wine drinking

“Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.”

1 Timothy 5:23

It is Jesus who came to tell us God's will, not Paul or Timothy. Paul and Timothy were just disciples like us. Rather than examining how much wine we have or can drink, let us follow Jesus.

Greek words:

- **to drink** – G5202 – *hydropoteō* – to drink water; one who drinks water
- **to use** – G5530 – *chraomai* – to use, to make use of; to borrow, to borrow, to borrow, to take for one's use
- **stomach** – G4751 – *stomachos* – a stomach; a throat, an orifice (the gullet), an esophagus
- **frequent** – G4437 – *pyknos* – frequent; thick, dense, compact, frequently recurring; vigorous, diligent
- **wine** – G3631 – *oinos* – wine; wine of God's wrath

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82 Sick Trophimos

“Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus.”

2 Timothy 4:20

The word translated here as “illness”, also means “weakness”. Paul lived at a pace, and it is not to be wondered at that those who were not so fixed in the word of the Lord could not keep up his style, and needed rest. Lester Sumrall has a similar story. As he traveled the world with his disciples, there were several times when someone had to turn back halfway through because it was just a little too much for them.

Greek words:

- **Erastus** – G2037 – *erastos* – Erastus = “beloved”, guide of the apostle Paul, treasurer of the city of Corinth
- **to abide** – G3306 – *menō* – to remain, to abide; not to leave, to be present (of a place); to exist, to last, to survive (of a case); the same, unchanging (of a state, condition); to wait for, to expect
- **and** – G1161 – *de* – but, moreover, and, then
- **Trophimus** – G5161 – *trophimos* – Ephesian Christian, friend of Paul; Trophimus = “nutritious”
- **to leave** – G620 – *apoleipō* – to leave (behind), to forsake, to remain

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83 Prayer of the Elders

“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.”

James 5:14-18

Jesus’ brother James was a man of faith. He expected the elders of the church to pray a prayer of faith that would lead to healing whether the person sinned or not. At the same time, he also sent Jews to the church for healing (James 1:1). He then went on to encourage others to pray in faith as well. He gives each individual believer the example of Elijah. There is a reason for this, for the least in God’s kingdom, is greater than Elijah (Matthew 11:11; John 3:5-8). James also realized that the key is not anointing with oil. It is the prayer of faith, or rather God’s promise of faithfulness, that heals – even this way, it can be translated. God is faithful to his blood Covenant (Psalm 103:6) and his word (Isaiah 53:4-5). The oil is just a symbol of the Holy Spirit. The oil encouraged the faith of the Israelites because they were accustomed to it from the Old Covenant (The Epistle of James is written to believing Jews – James 1:1). So we better rely on God. We always have

God with us, not oil. Besides, confession of sins leads to healing relationships (James 5:16).

Greek words:

- **name** – G3686 – *onoma* – a name; a reputation; all that the name covers – thoughts, feelings caused by mentioning, hearing about, remembering the name; a position, an authority, interests, pleasures, commands, signs, deeds; caused by the name (suffering for Christ)
- **prayer** – G2171 – *euchē* – a prayer (to God), a vow
- **faith** – G4102 – *pistis* – a belief (in someone), a trust; a conviction of the truth of something; a faithfulness, a devotion, a reliability; the character of someone who can be relied upon; belief (doctrine)
- **to be sick** – G2577 – *kamnō* – to be tired, to be weary, to be ill; sick
- **effective** – G1754 – *energeō* – effective, functional, showing power; to push, to manifest; to show the activity or action of someone

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84 Peter understood

“‘He himself bore our sins’ in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; ‘by his wounds you have been healed.’ For ‘you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.’”

1 Peter 2:24-25

God did not act randomly through Peter in the book of Acts. Peter understood the prophecy of Isaiah 53:4-5 (Matthew 8:16-17). Our healing was paid for in Christ’s sacrifice. We have been given healing. We are righteous before God, and this is manifested in the healing of our bodies. Jesus is our good shepherd, and He healed his sheep (John 10:14). So, let us apply his wounds, not just his blood. God has not changed. We need to change (Malachi 3:6). People stand on the promise of healing with the conviction that it belongs to them. This is true, but the meaning is much deeper. Christianity is an exchange of lives. Christ took our sins so that He could live through us (2 Corinthians 5:14-21). Just as the government takes care of the needs of its own soldiers so they can fulfil the mission, so God takes care of us (Philippians 3:20, Philippians 4:19, Matthew 6:25-34, Matthew 28:18-20). We belong to God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20), we are labourers in his vineyard, and we live for him (Matthew 20:1-16, 2 Corinthians 5:15). We are here to serve, not to be served (Mark 10:45, John 13:12-14).

Greek words:

- **cross** – G3586 – *xylon* – a wood; a cross; a tree

- **to die** – G581 – *apoginomai* – to die; to be removed from; to leave; to die to something
- **to carry up** – G399 – *anapherō* – to carry up; to carry up to a higher place; to place on an altar; to sacrifice; to lift up; to take upon oneself; to take upon oneself as a load to carry; to bear
- **righteousness** – G1343 – *dikaïosynē* – righteousness, a justification; the state we are to be in; a state acceptable to God; an integrity, a virtue, a purity of life, a rightness, a correctness of thought and action; a generosity
- **wound** – G3468 – *mōlōps* – a bruise, a contusion, a bruising, a scar; a wound from which blood springs

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Your testimony: _____

85 Live healthy

“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. It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”

3. John 1:2-4

God’s goal is not just that we heal, but that we walk in perfect peace. This is what the kingdom of God is all about (Romans 14:17). This is not to say that we will not be persecuted (2 Timothy 3:12). Let us renew our minds with the word of God. We are born of that word. Life is our new spiritual nature (1 Peter 1:23-2:2, John 11:25, 1 Corinthians 6:17). Our spirit agrees with God’s word (James 1:22-25), and when we bring even our minds into agreement with God’s word, God’s word is healing to our flesh (Proverbs 4:20-23). God wants us to know the truth because then we are joyful and our soul and body prosper. God wants us to be aware of the effect of the Holy Spirit on our spirit, our soul, and our body (1 Thessalonians 5:23). God himself removes sickness from us and keeps us healthy (Exodus 23:25, Deuteronomy 7:15, Psalm 91:1-16, Isaiah 54:14). It is then that we walk as overcomers in health and we repel all temptations attacking our flesh (Hebrews 4:15, Ephesians 6:16). Walking by truth (3 John 1:4), by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7), or by the Spirit (Romans 8:14) is about this as well. This is the way we are called to live (Romans 8:28-30, Romans 11:33-12:2, Isaiah 55:9-12, 2 Corinthians 4:6-7).

Greek words:

- **to pray** – G2172 – *euchomai* – to pray to God; to wish; to pray (for)
- **to prosper** – G2137 – *euodoō* – to prosper, to do well, to thrive; to prosper, to have success; to guarantee success, to make prosperous; to guarantee a successful and time-saving way; to lead in a straight and easy way; to be able to lack
- **to be healthy** – G5198 – *hygiainō* – to be healthy, to enjoy health; to be in good health; views without fault; one who remains (holds on, keeps on) in grace and is strong
- **soul** – G5590 – *psychē* – a life, a soul, a living soul, an essence distinct from the body, a seat of feeling, desire, emotion, and aversion
- **to rejoice** – G5463 – *chairō* – to (for) rejoice; to be glad; to be well; to rejoice exceedingly, to be well, to prosper, to take pleasure

Notes: _____

Testimony: One evening in the spring 2017, I was lying on my bed praying. Suddenly a warmth went through my back from top to bottom and The Holy Spirit said to me: “You have been healed”. Since I had scoliosis problems during my teenage years (even at risk of having to wear a corset), I was quick to check it out in the mirror. And indeed! My back was straight.

Questions and Answers

In order to grasp the ministry of healing described above, we have prepared a short list of common questions and answers. These questions and answers summarize the book, reiterate previous conclusions, and clarify ambiguities.

1. Why are we here in the world?

After our new birth, we did not go straight to heaven, and there was a reason for that. We are here to reveal God to this world through our relationship with him (John 1:18). We show, among other things, that He is love, that He is the Almighty, the Provider, the Healer, the Shepherd, or the Victor.

2. What is the meaning of Christ's sacrifice?

Jesus paid for our sins and sicknesses (Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 8:16-17; 1 Peter 2:24). In the spiritual world, it is a legally closed matter (Colossians 2:14-15). We are now spreading this good news throughout the world (Mark 16:15-20).

3. How does healing relate to the gospel?

Jesus came to conquer death (2 Timothy 1:10). Sickness is its precursor. And so Jesus healed. Jesus did not send anyone to preach the gospel without healing or casting out demons, nor vice versa (Matthew 10:1-15, Mark 6:7-13, Mark 16:15-20, Luke 4:18-19, Luke 9:1-6, Luke 10:1-12, Acts 3:1-26). Salvation is the complete salvation of a person; it involves spirit, soul, and body. The very Greek word for salvation, *soteria*, means salvation, healing, a deliverance from the molestation of enemies.

4. So healing is the goal?

No, it is not. Healing is only part of the whole. Healing is the bait we use to win people to the Lord (Luke 10:1-12).

5. Is this still true today, 2000 years after Jesus' death?

Yes, Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

6. Is healing always God's will?

Yes. God heals all our diseases (Psalm 103:1-5). It is God's nature to heal (Exodus 15:26; Matthew 8:1-4). Jesus healed every one (Matthew 4:23-25, Matthew 8:16-17, Matthew 9:35-38, Matthew 12:15, Matthew 14:14, Matthew 14:34-36, Matthew 15:30-31, Matthew 19:2, Matthew 21:14, Mark 6:56, Luke 4:40, Luke 5:15-17, Luke 6:18-19, Luke 9:11). So did the disciples (Acts 5:16, Acts 28:9). Moreover, if we are to go into all the world to preach the gospel, it is pretty difficult with sickness (Matthew 28:18-20). If we are to minister to others, sickness again limits us. We need to see that sickness is our enemy.

7. Did not Jesus heal just one person at Bethesda Pond?

The healing of one man is mentioned in the text (John 5:1-14). That he healed *only* one is just speculation. Similarly, the paralyzed man from the "Beautiful" Gate (Acts 3:1-10) Jesus may not have met at all, and therefore was healed by the disciples.

8. Why is it important to know God's will?

Knowing God's will gives us the courage to pray for things (1 Chronicles 17:1-15.25; Luke 1:31-38; Romans 4:17-24). So we do not pray God, thy will be done, but we read the Bible,

know God's will, and pray that God's will be done (Matthew 6:10). God is readable (James 1:17, 1 John 1:5).

9. And is not God sovereign?

Yes, it is. God, in his sovereignty, has given us his word (Psalm 138:2). The texts about God giving things to some and not to others are from the Old Covenant and do not refer to healing (Romans 9:15-18).

10. How do we deal with the fact that in the Old Testament, God is referred to as the one who causes sickness and death?

The Old Testament describes God as the one who does everything. In the Old Testament, however, the reality of the spiritual world was not revealed (Matthew 4:17). Jesus reveals this reality (Colossians 2:14-15). He shows that God is good and gives life, but the Devil steals, kills, and destroys (John 10:10).

11. Why is it written of Philip that he healed many, not all (Acts 8:7-8)?

Let us not worry about this difference. The authors did not address this difference. Comparing the stories in Mark 1:33-34 and Matthew 8:16-17, we find that "many" is used once and "all" the second time.

12. What about God's discipline of sickness, sin in a person's life, or generational curses?

We can categorize ourselves as "root-seekers" or "liberators". When we know what the answer is (healing), the question is not important (root of the disease). We do not need to know

the root, nor the length of the illness, nor its name. We are to lead a person to turn from sin, but sin will not prevent healing. Christians are generationally blessed, not cursed. They need to have their minds renewed by the word of God. Unbelievers may be generationally cursed, but that is why we preach the good news to them. God disciplines by his Spirit and word (2 Timothy 3:16), not by sickness. It is the Devil who steals, kills, and destroys (John 10:10). Furthermore, Jesus ministered only to sinners who were under the curse (of the Law), did not have the Holy Spirit, and were not born again. None of this prevented him from ministering healing.

13. How do the texts about Timothy's drinking of wine and Epaphroditus' illness fit into all this?

These passages do not speak of healing not being God's will (1 Timothy 5:23; Philippians 2:26-27). Wine, medicine, or food will not stop the working of God's power. In the same way, work to the point of death for the Lord points to commitment, not to God's will.

14. Is the disease not a persecution or a thorn in our flesh?

No, it's not. For example, Paul speaks of persecution in 2 Corinthians. Corinthians 11:23-12:10. He does not mention sickness anywhere. On the contrary, he refers to persecution as a thorn in the flesh (Joshua 23:13; Numbers 33:55). Persecution is promised to us (John 16:2), and sicknesses are not (Matthew 8:16-17).

15. What if it is not the right time to heal?

Jesus never said this either (Matthew 17:14-20). We are to proclaim the year of God's favour (Luke 4:18-19; 2 Corinthians 6:2; Hebrews 4:16). Let us not blame our eventual inability to deliver healing on circumstances or on other people. We have to establish the time.

16. So one does not have to die of disease?

He does not have to. Age does not matter in the ministry of healing (Psalm 92:15). At the same time, to live healthy does not mean to be immortal. Death occurs when the spirit leaves the body (Deuteronomy 34:7; Matthew 27:50).

17. Is ministry of healing for everyone?

Not for everyone, but it is for every believer (Mark 16:18; John 14:12). Jesus first sent out twelve disciples to heal (Matthew 10:1-15, Mark 6:7-13, Luke 9:1-6), then seventy more (Luke 10:1-12). At the conclusion of his ministry, he empowers all his disciples to heal.

18. What do we need to know to heal?

Let us stand in authority as children of God (Mark 4:39-41). Let us be aggressive in the face of sickness. Let us love people and hate diseases. Let us say what we want to be done (2 Thessalonians 1:10) in accordance with God's will (John 15:7). Let us appoint things and appoint the time (Mark 11:22-24). Let us lead people to renew their minds (believing God's word, Romans 12:1-2).

19. Do we need to have the gift of healing?

No. The authority of the name Jesus is sufficient for us (Mark 9:38-41). Moreover, if we are baptized with the Holy Spirit, He indwells us with all his gifts. Let us let him manifest himself (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). The baptism of the Holy Spirit makes healing easier.

20. Do we need anointing for healing?

You are already anointed (1 John 2:20-27). After all, anointing, Greek *chrío*, means sanctification, separation (Leviticus 8:10-13). Anointing has to do with your separation from God and your position in Christ. Then power comes upon you through the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:18-19).

21. Do I need to be ordained?

No, you do not. Ananias was also a “ordinary” disciple and healed a man (Acts 9:10-19). We are each a priest (1 Peter 2:9).

22. Should we wait for specific guidance for healing?

No. We each act in our lives based on the *words* we believe. It sounds like a “bare” principle, but acting on “guidance” is also a principle. When we have specific guidance, let us follow it. When we do not, let us “do what comes to us” (1 Samuel 10:6-7).

23. Is not the source of the power we serve evil?

No, it is not. Let us know the Holy Spirit. They already had the same allusion to Jesus (Luke 11:15).

24. How are we to feel as we heal?

Emotions are a trap in this. The important thing is to trust God's word, not our feelings. When we feel good, we trust better and vice versa. But God does not change (James 1:17). That is why we are to be led by God's word and not our feelings (2 Corinthians 5:7). Either way, healing is to bring joy to ourselves and others.

25. How do I gain sympathy for people?

We often associate compassion with emotion, but that is just a human perspective. We already show compassion when we stop by a person and minister healing to them (Romans 5:5).

26. Who is to have faith for healing?

Let us have faith for other people (Luke 7:11-17). Other people's unbelief will not stop us (Mark 6:4-6). But if others believe, healing comes more easily. That is why it is good to teach people healing. They will learn to trust God themselves and pass things on (Matthew 28:18-20).

27. Does the person I serve have to agree to the healing?

No. Healing is our *mission* (John 5:6-9). Moreover, we do not know if we are talking to the person or to the spirit that wants to remain in the person (Matthew 8:29-30).

28. Can I minister healing when I am sick?

Yes, we will reap what we sow (Galatians 6:7-8). Let us treat others as we want them to treat us (Luke 6:31).

29. How long should I fast and pray before ministering healing?

That is not the key. We build discipline through fasting and a relationship with God through prayer. The important thing to healing is to trust God's word (Matthew 17:19-21). Likewise, the people we serve need to learn to trust God's word rather than our prayers.

30. What if I do not live holy? Will not that stop the healing of others?

It will not stop the healing. (Acts 3:12-16). Either way, let us have a life of order. (Matthew 7:21-24; Romans 2:21-24).

31. And I do not need oil to anoint the sick?

Healing is not about method but about who God is (Exodus 15:26). It is about imparting life through the Spirit of God (Luke 6:19). The oil lifted the faith of the Israelites. But it is faith in God's word that is crucial (Psalm 107:20). We may each have a "our" way, a biblical method, in which we *believe* best (kindling the Holy Spirit in us by preaching, or praying in tongues), but let us not be limited by a method. That is why it is important to vary the "biblical methods" of healing, to keep us constantly dependent on God, not on the method.

32. As for the demons, how long battle do we expect?

Nothing to worry about. The Holy Spirit is greater in us (1 John 4:4). We deal with the demon as we deal with the disease. We stand in authority and say what we want to happen. We establish things and time. We lead people to believe in God's word

(Luke 11:24-28). We expect quick victories. The devil knows he has lost, but he responds to our expectations. He wants us to get tired and give up. Same way when you are up against a spiritual power. We have authority over it even as individual believers (Ephesians 1:19-2:6, Ephesians 6:10-12).

33. How does one recognize a renewed mind in the area of healing?

It will be known by responding to information about the sick by saying, “I will come and heal him,” as the Lord Jesus did (Matthew 8:6-7). We will deal neither with power nor with faith. We simply *will* (Romans 8:6). Healing is about who we are, not what we do (Mark 6:56).

34. What if the person we serve gets worse symptoms?

This happened in the ministry even to the Lord Jesus (Mark 9:17-27). Let us not be discouraged, and let us stay on track.

35. What if we minister healing to someone, but they are not healed? Are we not giving people false hope?

And what if they are healed? The devil tries to stop us with his thoughts. The Holy Spirit reminds us of God’s word (John 14:26, Mark 16:18). The devil comes to tempt us (Genesis 3:1, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5). His goal is to make us doubt. But doubt has to do with our final actions, not our thoughts. So let us act in faith in God’s word (2 Corinthians 5:7). If a person is not healed, let us continue to minister to people (Mark 8:22-26). Let us be established in the word of God. Let us be established

in what we believe and *which* we have believed. We need to grow, not to give up.

36. What if the person we serve dies?

We are so sorry. Anyway, God's word has not changed, and we can be bitter, or we can go on following the Lord. We can immerse ourselves in the study of the resurrection of the dead (Matthew 10:8).

37. What can we do about the fact that we see sick people everywhere?

Let us involve other disciples in the ministry of healing. Let us not fall into the trap of self-judgment, "that we should be doing more," and so on. Rather, let us be reassured that what is meant to bring us life will not ultimately bring us death. Our Father's business is the business of life (John 5:24). Faith is rest, not stress (Hebrews 4:1-11).

38. What should we do if none of the above works?

Let us call on our leader, an elder in the faith (James 5:14-18), to believe with us. Otherwise, let us call on God to know him more and better (1 John 2:12-14)

39. How can we walk in "supernature" everyday?

Let us daily exalt the word of God above our previous experiences. This is the only way forward (Psalm 119:89; Psalm 138:2).

A word in conclusion

John Wesley said that the only way to defeat the Devil is to be organized – as an army ([Liardon, 2008](#)). So let us build together a movement of God's people built on the truth of God's word (not only) in this country. The Lord is calling the church into discipleship and wants to show her the power of his Spirit. Let us pray together for the promises God has made in the Bible to become our daily reality. It is time to stop looking out for our own interests and start obeying Jesus, living for God and bringing the gospel of the kingdom to people. Based on God's word (see this guide), let us create a network of healing lines ([linkauzdra-veni.cz](#)) to minister to the sick across the country. Let us extend discipleship and God's power into the church through, for example, disciple-making equipping ministries, in-person discipleship meetings, or online distance discipleship. Let us create an online Christian community together ([overgap.com](#)). Let us be equipped disciples of Jesus Christ and make more disciples. Stay in touch.

God bless you

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