

HEALING – Part One

No one knows it all. We don't have all the answers and anyone saying they do is flat out lying. We can share what the Bible says and our experiences on this subject.



Pastor Erustus from our outreach ministry in Kenya

I want to share a conversation I had with Pastor Erustus about my own healing that has not manifested yet.

Pastor many a times servants of God go through many afflictions, challenges, hardships, pain, difficulties, tears and attacks just as the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 6:4-10. About suffering as God's servant despite many prayers to God but the answer and deliverance only remains with God. The same Paul cried to God to remove a thorn in his flesh but God just said His grace was sufficient. (2 Cor.12:9) Timothy, Paul's spiritual son served God as a Pastor but had a stomach problem and I believe Paul must have prayed for him to be healed but I always wonder why God didn't heal him. I am not saying God is not able to heal you but am just saying God works in our lives as His servants in ways we can't understand nor explain. So Pastor I know how you are feeling and the pain it brings but be encouraged in the Lord and persevere as we continue to pray for God to move and heal your body. Let's continue to stand on His word and continue to claim the healing. God is faithful in His fullness of time healing shall come. Like Job remain faithful to Him and press on in following and serving Him. God sees your pain.

Isaiah 40:31 - But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

Neh.12:44 - And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited.

We wait for God's timing, but while we wait, we wait on Him just as a waiter or waitress waits on us. You walk obediently while you are waiting. You ask Him what can I do for you? Who would you like me to pray for or go see, you use your gifts and talents as you wait for the answer to your deliverance and healing to manifest.

Sometimes we are tested by God to see if we will stay faithful and keep standing on His Word. Will you keep loving Him and walking in obedience even if He doesn't answer your prayer the way you think He should or when you think He should?

Deut.8:2 – And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove (test) thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no.

They complained and so they were not allowed to go into the promised land of Canaan. God was very angry with them.

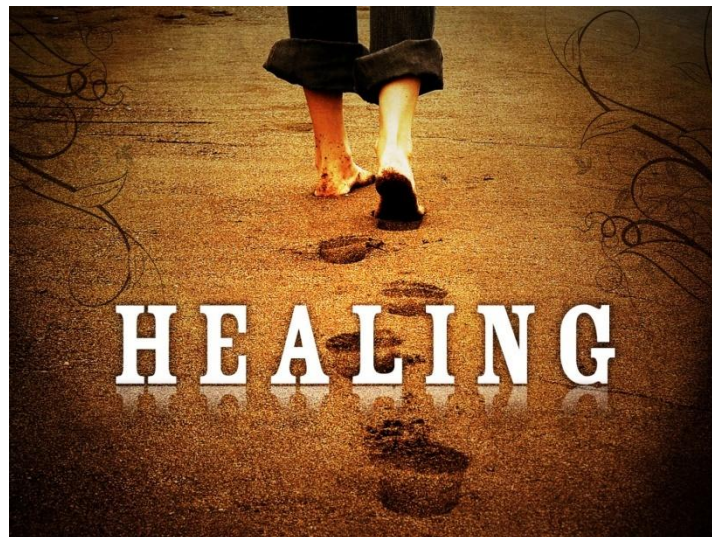
Abraham was tested by God to see if he would trust God enough to sacrifice Isaac to Him. But at the last minute God stopped him.

John 9:1-3 – And as Jesus passed by, He saw a man which was blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that (so) the works of God should be made manifest in him.



The disciples knew that because of sin and generational curses many people were sick. This man however, was born afflicted just so God could show His mercy and healing power and heal him through Jesus.

This man was born blind to be used for God's glory. Can you imagine that? Have you heard testimonies of people that have devastating diseases, or have lost limbs or are deformed or have been mutilated by someone else and yet they have faith in God even though they are not healed and are in great pain and are ridiculed. Like Job's wife said, why haven't they cursed God and walked away? What faith to keep standing no matter what!!!



The soul is what needs to be healed and the body. When you are born again, your spirit is whole and healed because it is the spirit of God not of the world and

satan and death. Healing can be medical or spiritual. For spiritual healings, many times in the Bible deliverance was required first and then the healing came.



If you break your leg, then that is a medical healing because you need a dr. to set your leg in a cast and it will take time and it will heal. We get bumps and scrapes and even broken bones and God has designed our bodies to heal naturally from those things.



Sometimes we need a surgery to help us to heal.

Matt.6:33 - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

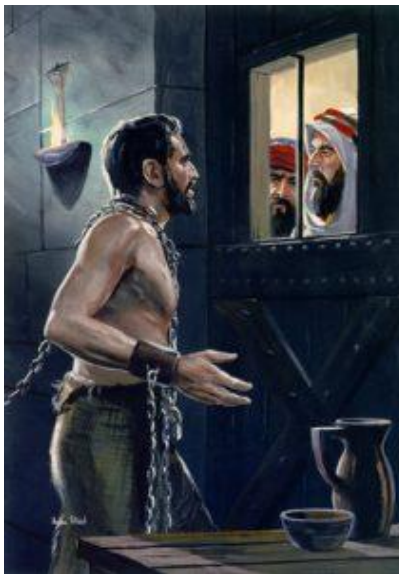
Just ahead of this scripture Jesus was telling us not to worry about all of our needs, He said to seek God's kingdom first and trust Him and He will take care of your needs. Before you take medicine or get surgery or make major decisions, you should seek God's will. Go to Him first in all you do. Remember Luke was a physician.

Spiritual healings usually take time and little by little the person gets better as they continue to stay in faith and walk in obedience and grow and believe and thank God for healing them. Keep speaking in faith that you are healed by Jesus' stripes. Don't talk negative as if He isn't doing it or why He isn't. But instead don't doubt and only believe as Jesus said here:

Mark 9:21-23 - And He (Jesus) asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if Thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, **If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.**

He only wants what's good for you so trust Him as you wait.

I'm about to share a teaching from Dwayne, a friend of Mrs. Joy's who is a minister:



John the Baptist imprisoned for preaching the truth and telling Herod to repent from his sin of taking his brother's wife.

Dwayne: John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin, he KNEW that Jesus was the Savior before Jesus was even born. Later in life, he had the privilege of baptizing Jesus &

when he did, he saw the Holy Spirit come down on Jesus , he even heard the voice of God say that "this is My Son in whom I am well pleased."...

There would have been NOTHING you could have done to convince John that Jesus wasn't the real deal... Nothing at all! Until one day... One day when John was sitting in a prison cell. Then he began to have doubts. He even sent some of his disciples over to Jesus & they said, Hey John is sitting in prison & he wants to know what the deal is, are you the Son of God? In other words he wanted to know why in the world he was sitting in a prison cell, he had done everything that he was supposed to do, he faithfully, willfully, & wholeheartedly served God. Why was he in prison? It made no sense to him.

At the time Jesus was performing some miracles & so He told John's disciples, go tell John what you've seen, "The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear & the dead are raised." That's kind of odd to me because John knew all these things but maybe he was just reminding him. But the next thing Jesus says is just crazy...

"Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."... What!?! That makes no sense... Jesus was doing so many miracles that He thought people were gonna quit following Him?

No... What he was saying is... Listen I have the ability to do ANYTHING but sometimes things aren't gonna work out the way that YOU want them to. And when that happens, you will be blessed if you stand firm in your faith. The truth is, we as Christians have no problem following Christ as long as He is doing as WE say because then there's no faith required... But when the prayers aren't answered the way we want & true faith is required.... That's when we WILL be blessed. Just my thoughts.... Take em or leave em .

You might think, why did you share that, John the Baptist wasn't sick. No he wasn't, but he was wanting deliverance. Isn't that what we are asking for when we are sick? Isn't that what Paul asked for?

ALTERNATIVE METHODS of HEALING – USING NATURAL THINGS

A young man named Justin asked me if it was ok to use pink Himalayan salt lamps for healing. He was being cautious because he did not want to cross the line into any witchcraft. I conferred with Pastor Erustus to have his opinion on this and this is what he shared:

Let me start by talking about the crystals. I believe when God created man he first prepared the world with natural things in it to sustain his life by ensuring he remained in good health and physically fit. But when sin entered into man, the devil started to use man to change the good natural things created by God for the sake of man's well being. **We see this so much in what the nephilim did.**

To me it's ok to use the natural things or materials for our well being as long as one does not attach on it witchcraft or occultic perspective which opens a door to satan and his demons to put ones soul in bondage. In the old days there were no hospitals as it is today. God gave knowledge to people to use natural things for their lives and well being. I remember some years back I had a skin allergy that I was treating but it never went away. One day my mama called my Uncle who knew good natural medicine that he used to heal many people suffering from various sicknesses & diseases. He boiled some natural herbs which I used as medicine to drink and I tell you it is now many years and I have never had the skin allergy again.

They can use the crystals as long as they don't attach witchcraft or occultic beliefs.

CLOSING

You have to do your part. Believe, pray, wait and trust in God's Word. Daily walk in obedience and continue to grow in faith in the Lord. Eat right, take care of yourself. Seek His Kingdom first in your decisions concerning your health. Do all you know to do as you continue to wait on God.

Don't be offended if He doesn't deliver you when you think He should, or how you think He should.

Matt.11:6 - And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended in Me.

PRAYER