HEALING FOR YOUR BODY

Faith & The Name

I. There's two components in receiving healing: 1) The power of God 2) Your faith

- Acts3:1-Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb (Over 40 years-Acts 4:22) was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; 3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. 7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God (Don't rush past the reality of this-He had never walked). 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God: 10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were *filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him*. 11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering. 12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? 13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; 15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. (CEV-He put his faith in the name of Jesus and was made strong. Faith in Jesus made this man completely well; YLT-And on the faith of his name, this one whom ye see and have known, his name made strong, even the faith that is through him did give to him this perfect soundness before you all; MSG-Faith in Jesus' name put this man, whose condition you know so well, on his feet – yes, faith and nothing but faith put this man healed and whole right before your eyes)
 - A. The question they have is HOW did this happen-Theses scriptures reveal to us how this man received healing
 - B. <u>He received his healing by the name</u>-The name was the first component, but not the only component
 - 1. People don't get healed without the healer-God is the one who heals us and it's by His power
 - 2. <u>16-Name is authority and power</u>-Authority is the right do it, power is the ability to carry it out (Badge, Gun)-*Acts4:7-By what power (dunamis) or by what name have you done this?*
 - 3. <u>12-He's acknowledging power did this, but not their own</u>-This happened by God's power
 - C. <u>He received his healing by faith in the name</u>-There were two 2 components: The name and faith in his name
 - 1. 16-The faith-Notice the emphasis the Spirit of God puts on this man's faith in explaining how this happened
 - D. Healing wasn't just by the name alone-We have a part to play in receiving our healing
 - 1. Did he have a part to play in receiving his healing? -Or was it all up to God and He had nothing to do with it
 - E. <u>Things happen in our lives by grace through faith</u>-What God has makes available by his marvelous grace, must be possessed with our faith elsewise it will never be enjoyed
 - <u>Those two components are in place in salvation</u>-It wasn't grace alone, but it was by grace through faith; Without both components in place nobody has ever been saved-Grace without faith never saved anybody because grace bought it, made it available and offered it, but it doesn't receive it for you; *Eph2:8*-For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God
 - 2. <u>Those two components are in place receiving any promise</u>-*Rm4:16*-[Inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace

II. The power of God that heals works through faith

A. <u>Faith is the channel through which the power of God flows into your life</u>-*Hb11:11*-Through (noting passage, by transmission, by means of; Channel-Through which anything passes) faith also Sara herself received **strength** (*Dunamis-Power*) to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when he was past age

- B. <u>This power works by faith</u>-To see it work we have to teach faith-*Gal3:5*-He therefore that ministers to you the Spirit, and *works miracles (Dunamis)* among you, does he it by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith; *Rm1:16*-For it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes; *1Pt1:5*-Kept by the power of God through faith
- C. <u>This power is designed to go in the direction of faith</u>-*Mk5:30*-Jesus immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned about in the press, and said, who touched my clothes? 34 Daughter thy faith has made thee whole
 - 1. <u>Plasma ball example</u>-The power that's moving around in that ball goes in the direction of your hand
- D. <u>The power that heals will not work through unbelief</u>-*Mark6:1*-He went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. 2 And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And *they were offended at him.* 4 But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not *without honor*, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. 5 And *he could there do no mighty work (Dunamis-Power)*, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. 6 And he marvelled because of their *unbelief*. And he went round about the villages, teaching.
 - 1. <u>He could THERE do no mighty work</u>-Where there was no faith the power would not work-*Mt13:58*-He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief
 - 2. <u>The disciples unbelief choked the power</u>-Mt17-They couldn't cast the devil out of that boy
 - 3. We must acknowledge the reality that what we believe matters in receiving healing

III. The power of God is real and the laws that govern it's working are real-There are things you can do that will cause that power work in your life and things you can do that will keep it from working in your life

- A. <u>There are spiritual laws in motion</u>-They govern the realm of the spirit and work in this natural realm-Rm8:6, Mt12:35, Gal6:8, Lk6:38, 2Cor9:6, Mk11:23-24
 - 1. <u>The church has been notorious for paying no attention to these laws</u>-Many try to build a spiritual life on socalled prayer where we just ask God to do everything, because after all he's in control
 - 2. <u>These laws are out there working</u>-What you get in life is determined by what side of the law you live on
- B. <u>The power of God turned off like it was on a switch-Something was making it work for him and when that</u> stopped it no longer worked for him-*Mt14:29*-He said Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched froth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?
 - 1. <u>Why did God let Peter fall?-</u>That's like turning the light switch off and saying God why did you let the light turn off; There are laws that govern the power of God; You get crosswise of them and it won't work
 - 2. You can hear the reality of this power and the laws that govern it in Jesus' words-He knows it'll work-*Lk8:50*-Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.
- C. You can't ignore the laws that govern this power and expect it to work-It's working is not all up to God
- D. <u>We can learn about spiritual laws of power by looking at natural laws of power-</u>Jesus taught us about spiritual things through the example of natural things (Sowing & Reaping)
 - 1. <u>Electricity is a form of natural energy or power</u>-There's a power source and place that desires to receive that power and conduit from the source to the receiver; There are things electricity will not flow through
 - 2. <u>Certain things have to be in place for electricity to function</u>-Someone just wanting it is not enough; It's starts with the desire for it, but then we have to get the necessary things in place to tap it
 - 3. <u>You can't enjoy the benefits of it until he learned the laws that governed it</u>-Electricity was on this planet on day one when God created it, but man didn't enjoy it until he learned about the laws of it
- E. <u>There are things that will not conduct the power of God</u>-Things that power will not flow through (God set these laws in motion to work a certain way-He decided how these things work)