

## HEALING FOR YOUR BODY

### Bring The Faith

- I. **In receiving our healing we must bring the Faith-*Ac3:16-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***
- A. Two components in receiving healing: 1) The Power 2 ) The Faith
1. The Name or God's power-Acts4:7-God's power heals, restores and can fix stuff that's broken
  2. Faith-The emphasis in Acts 3:16 is on the faith
    - a. Faith is what conducts the power of God into your life-Faith is how the healing power gets into your life; Faith is the channel that the power flows through and gets in your life
    - b. This guy had a part in his miracle; He brought the faith-Say This: I'm going to bring the faith
    - c. You don't save yourself, heal yourself or fix yourself, but you do have to believe something
    - d. God is willing and ready to heal, but you got to bring the faith
    - e. Faith is our part in receiving healing
- B. We see his faith in his yielding to Peter's command to get up and walk-*Act3:6-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*
1. You can't remove his response of faith from the equation-In regards to him receiving his healing
  2. God's power was waiting for the response-He didn't get healed and then got up, but rather when he acted on that command from Peter that's when the healing came
  3. It's important in receiving healing that we take a step of faith-Faith will move when it doesn't feel and act when it doesn't see; Don't just lay there and be sick, take a step, you never quit, you never give into sickness and disease
  4. You have to take a stand in faith against sickness and disease-You never just lay down and take it
- C. When it comes to receiving healing we have to bring the faith
1. I can't change what I believe because I'm supposed to bring the faith-If you're going to a BBQ and you're supposed bring the beans, then bring the beans
  2. If you don't see what you want to see-1) Keep bringing the faith 2) Go get the wisdom of God
- II. **We need to have a clear understanding about what faith is, because this will help us in receiving our healing**
- A. Faith is confident expectation and conviction-*Hb11:1-Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen*
1. Faith is the confidence of your expectation-You're expecting something to happen and you're confident that it will
  2. Faith is being convinced about things you don't see or don't see yet-You can be convinced that you're healed when you don't see it yet
- B. Faith is not defined by desire-Faith is not wanting something to happen; Just because you want something to happen doesn't meant your in a position of Bible faith
- C. Faith is not defined by prayer-You can pray with no confidence, no expectation, no conviction that anything will happen
1. When you pray make sure you bring the faith (the beans)-*Js5:15-The prayer of faith will save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; Mt21:21-And all things, whatsoever you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive*
  2. Wanting and praying doesn't equal faith-Many think because they want something to happen and they are praying that they are in faith – Not so
- D. Be honest about where your faith is-Don't pretend like you are at a level of faith that you're not-*Heb4:13-All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do*

1. God will meet you where you are, not where you pretend to be

E. 3 Faith Questions-These will help you to discover whether or not you're in faith

1. Are you expecting anything?-Wanting something to happen is not the same thing as expecting that it will happen
2. Are you confident?-You have a lot of people praying, but you don't find as much confidence and expectation
3. Are you convinced about what you don't see?-I don't see it yet or have it yet, but I'm convinced

**III. When we come to God for anything (healing) we must bring the faith-***Hb11:6-Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God **MUST** believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder (one who pays) of them that diligently seek Him*

A. It's impossible to please God without faith, but why would that be?-God takes pleasure in your prosperity (Ps35:27) and without faith God has no way into your life to prosper you

B. You **MUST** believe that He is

1. He **MUST** believe-He must bring the faith
2. He is-We believe that He is real, but also that he is the answer for everything I need
3. I come to Him because I believe He is-Because I believe that He is it motivates me to come to Him
4. A big mark of people of faith is that they run to the Lord for everything-The reason is because they believe He is

C. You **MUST** believe that He is the rewarder of those that seek Him-I believe coming to God about this will pay off; God's going to help me, give the answers I need and whatever the problem is, it will get fixed

D. We can be too result oriented, too focused on the result, too focused on what we see-We need to stay focused on the faith part of it because we got to keep bringing the faith

1. You got to take a stand of faith-That if it never happens, it's not going to happen with me being in faith
2. **Say this:** I'm going to bring the faith

**IV. There is faith specific to be healed, faith specific for healing-***Ac14:8-There sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.*

A. General Christian faith and faith to be healed are different-You can believe God is the creator of all things, that He sent His son Jesus by way of the virgin birth to die for all mankind and was risen from the dead three days later and the only way to be saved is by believing on Jesus and not have faith to be healed

B. This guy had faith to be healed-Not just faith in the reality of God, not just faith in Jesus as savior, but he had faith where healing was concerned; He believed God could and would heal him

C. To receive healing by faith it requires faith specific for healing-People hear faith and think I believe in God so I should be healed; Believing in God, being a Christian is not faith for healing

**V. We must be watchful about staying in faith because things can stop working and it can happen so quickly and easily through unbelief-***Mt14:24-But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?*

A. Things can stop working so quickly and so easily-He focused on the wrong thing, go into unbelief and down he went

B. The enemy is after your faith-*Mk4:15-Satan comes immediately to take away the word that was sown in their heart*

C. We have to hold fast to our faith-*Hb10:23-Let us hold fast to the profession of our faith 35 Cast not away therefore your confidence which has great recompense of reward; 2Cor4:8-We are perplexed, but not in despair*

D. If the face of what I don't see, I will not let go what I believe-*1Tim6:12-Fight the good fight of faith*

E. To stay in faith there's some thoughts you cannot entertain-*Rm4:18,19-Considered not, staggered not*