

## EXAMPLES OF HEALING - 2

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### MINISTERING HEALING

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Alright. We're still taking about Key #6 which is action in the physical can inspire spiritual faith. We were talking about in 2 Kings 2:19 about Elisha and how he threw the salt in the water, the bitter water. Let me tell you something. There is no attribute of salt that makes bitter water pure. If anything it makes it more bitter. How insane to throw salt into bitter water to make it taste pure. It doesn't work that way. Try it. Go home and take some water out of your fish bowl, pour some salt in it and then drink it. See how it tastes. It will definitely taste salty. It may taste like something else. But it will definitely taste salty.

So in other words my point is that the action that he took of taking that salt and throwing it in the water, what he did there was no formula to salt that makes water taste pure. But the taking of that action inspired the faith so that God could change it supernaturally. He spoke the word. Now what changes, the salt? Absolutely not. The word of the Lord changed that water. But the action that he took with that salt did something in the spiritual realm to empower the faith so that along with the word that was spoken, along with faith, a miracle occurred and to this day it is still known as the Spring of Elisha. It is still pure and it still tastes good.

It is a similar record to what we read with the stew that they were eating, but in that case that flour that they put in there may have actually had some chemical that was in the flour that actually diluted the poison. We don't know that for a fact. We do know that it worked. That took wisdom from heaven because they didn't know what kind of poison it was. They obviously didn't know it was poison or they wouldn't have put it in. But by word of wisdom they were able to move in the supernatural and take care of that poison so that the people didn't get sick or die. This situation there may have been word of wisdom involved. We don't know. The point is that we do know this, he said, "Get me some salt and a new bowl." There's nothing about salt and a new bowl that makes water taste good.

We're going to India. You don't want to drink the water. Unless the Lord tells me to, I'm not throwing salt in water and drinking it. I'm buying bottled water, thank you very much or I'm going to pump it through my filter because I'm not use to that water they drink. But here is Elisha and he did this and what happened? Something supernatural occurred

because it happened in the depths of the earth. The spring where it came from in its origins under the earth changed. But he took some action which may have seemed crazy. The natural man will say, "That's nuts. That won't work." Then when it works and then he'll say, "Okay. From now on we throw salt in water." And that doesn't work either, because these are not formulas.

As I'm showing you some of these different keys, or different examples, really is what I'm showing you, twelve examples. So far here, up to number six, what's the consistent thing through the various examples of healing that I've shown you? The only thing consistent really is nothing is consistent. The word of God and the authority of God is the only thing you see. Spiritual power in action which comes by faith is really what you see. That's the only thing consistent. Because in one place Jesus took authority over the people and in one place He yelled; in another place He didn't. One place they threw something in a pot of water, in another place they threw salt in. You see, each time it was different. But it was what was needed at that time and that's something we need to understand. We, especially here in the West, we want formulas. We have such scientific minds. We want a recipe. We want to say, okay if you do this, this, this and this, then this happens. Guess what? The Bible is a recipe for success, but God doesn't work it that way.

One problem we have is that we don't even think of it that way. We think of it as a menu. Oh, I'll take that and that but I don't want that. That's one of the reasons why we have trouble with the Word of God, because we say, "Oh, Yeah, I want that and that and that, but no, no that's the Old Testament." So we think the Bible is a menu. But it's not a menu. But anyway when we take action. Sometimes in the physical realm, it inspires the faith so then the power of God can take action.

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord (James 4:13-14). Does it say the oil will save the sick? No. The prayer will save the sick, right? So why do we need the oil? A number of reasons. The oil represents the Holy Spirit, but see in the context of what we're talking about here in terms of taking action in the physical, sometimes inspires faith. That anointing of oil sometimes does bring an actual impartation, but if nothing else sometimes it is an action that we take that people can see or feel and it inspires them. And then the faith -- see it's the prayer of faith that heals. But the reason that we use the oil many times is because it inspires that faith. When we pray, many times the words you speak and the way you speak them will build the faith so that when you get to the place of what that meat is, the faith is now bigger than it was when you started praying. When I lay hands on people, let me give you an example: I was praying at a conference one time, in a church, and a woman and her daughter came up and I prayed for both of them and then she asked, "Would you pray for my husband?" He wasn't there and the Lord revealed some things to me and I asked her, "Is this true? Is this true?" And she said, "Yeah, yeah." So I felt like there was some authority behind my prayer even though I was praying in proxy. The man wasn't there. And then she said, "Will you pray for my son?" And I said, "Sure." It was their adult son. She said something about his stomach and she started telling me and I said, "Let me just pray for him." So I had my

hands laid on the mother and the sister and I began to pray. The Lord showed me to pray for his back. So I prayed for his back. She said, "It's not his back, it's his stomach." I said, "Well, I'll pray for his stomach if it'll make you happy, but the Lord is showing me to pray for his back." So I prayed in that order. I prayed first for what the Lord revealed to me and then I prayed for what she asked me to pray for. So many times you don't understand right at the moment what happened. In this situation the pastor called me a couple of weeks later and what had happened was this young man had some kind of problem with his stomach and he'd been to every kind of doctor you could think of and he probably was suffering, too, like that woman was suffering. But anyway he went to every kind of doctor there was and they couldn't find out what the problem was and in a week they were going to cut him open and just go through his whole intestinal system and see what the problem was. But when I prayed for his back she went home and told him. "We had this guy pray for you and he prayed for your stomach because I told him to, but the Lord showed him the back." So he said, "Then I'll go to a chiropractor and see what happens." He went in there and when he went in to get x-rayed the chiropractor didn't even x-ray. He said, "Oh, my goodness, I can see a problem right here." He'd gotten kicked off a horse a year before and his hips were out of joint which was knocking his spine out of joint. His one hip was five inches lower than the other one and his spine was twisted which was throwing his stomach out of joint which was causing all this pain and everything. They were looking at the symptom, but the cause was revealed by revelation. Now he didn't receive the healing instantaneously by me speaking that, but he received the answer. The chiropractor fixed it in one visit. I'm sure he probably went back to make sure it stayed fixed after that amount of time, but do you see what I'm saying? Many times those words can build faith to where something then happens. Okay? I can think of a lot of other examples, too. But that's probably a good one for this context.

We have to speak that word. We sometimes when we anoint with oil, there may not be an impartation with that oil, but there's something that's happened and therefore the faith goes up. My words to her, she took the words to her son, he took action on that and his faith went up to the point, his faith went way up when the chiropractor said, "I can see the problem." He got the healing.

Then it says, And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven (James 5:15). Now there's a good example right here. Many times sicknesses don't get healed because of sins which aren't forgiven. There are times also, remember when there was a blind man and the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who sinned? This man or his parents? And He said, "Neither one." So in that situation sin wasn't at the root, at least not their sin. Obviously all sickness is due to the root of sin back in Genesis. But in this situation Jesus said, "No. This blindness..." We'd say it was inherited or whatever. It wasn't anything his father or mother did or that he did. But then there was another case where the man was sick and Jesus said, "Your sins are forgiven you." The Pharisees said, "Who does He think He is?" He says, "Hey, which is easier, to say your sins be forgiven or take up your bed and walk?" So take up your bed and get out of here. But that man needed to know that his sins were forgiven. Something clicked in his faith and he was able to get up.

I had this situation happen here. I had a situation where the man that came into church and he was demonically inclined. So we dealt with those for actually quite a while and then later we came and a number of us prayed over him and there was a word that just came. A man came up and said, "I have a word for you." I think what it was, "The Lord just said to tell you that you are precious in His sight." Woom, down he went like a ton of bricks. All the demons left. Now that word by itself probably wouldn't have done what it did if there hadn't been all the other binding and loosing that had taken place. But also that didn't finish the job until that one word came in there. That one word was a specific rhema. Now there is no guarantee if you walk up to somebody and say, "Well the Lord said to tell you that you are precious in His sight." Carol didn't even fall down. She didn't even blink. It didn't work. Why? Because it's not a formula. The formula is, if you will go forth with faith, you'll see results. If you'll speak it with authority, you see? That's the formula. But we need to understand that there are so many ways that it can be applied. That, I think, is great. Because we have , the reason we have formulas and try to get the formulas is because we want it to be done by science. God wants it to be done by spirit. His Spirit is not brought in by formula but by obedience.

Okay. I have a good friend who walks in the manifestation of miracles and healings so greatly. Specifically through word of knowledge. That is probably his forte. He is never far from a bottle of oil. One of the main reasons that he always has oil around when he prays, much, much, much more often than I do. I don't necessarily have the oil always there, but he does. One of the reasons he says is because it says right here that if they've committed sins they will be forgiven. Something about that oil and the forgiveness of sins is tied in there.

I've seen it work. I was praying here recently in another city and another state not too long ago and they brought a little child up for me to pray for , he was about ten years old. I laid hands on him and right away this demon started manifesting. I didn't feel like the Lord had given me the authority to cast that demon out and do the things that I could do. Obviously I have done, but I felt like the Lord was telling me to do something else. I said, "Get me some oil." They brought me oil and I anointed him with oil right there in front of everybody and woom instantly the kid was calm. Then I could pray and handle all the things that needed to be handled.

Then there was a prophetic word for him about he needed to have a relationship with the Lord. He needed to come , I forget the exact words, but basically he needed to have an understanding of the Lord himself and not just be told. Interestingly enough, just before they brought him up he had been outside talking to another man in the church and saying, "How...." And this particular child was the child of an elder in that church. He was saying basically that he didn't believe this. He'd been hearing about it all of his life and he doesn't see anything. So by first taking authority over that demon, and then working in that, there was some physical healing but there was more emotional and spiritual healing and then releasing him to the Lord, he went right out there and , I didn't know this at the time; this was told me later , where just before hand he was confessing that he didn't see any power in the Bible, etc. One of the things I spoke prophetically was that he was at a fork in the road and he needed to make a choice. Afterwards he went straight out there

and he started asking questions. He went to the other man that he had been talking to and said, "What about this? What about that?" He had hunger to know. He came back to me after the meeting saying, "What about this? Why did you do that?" It's like a whole different person. Now maybe that demon wasn't in him, maybe it was just affecting him. I don't know, but I took authority over it with oil because the Lord told me to. "If his sins be forgiven by this anointing of the oil."

Then it says, Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 5:16). Pray for one another. Confess your sins one to another. That doesn't necessarily mean that you have to get in front of the whole church. But there is power in confession of sins, one to another. Then pray for one another. Because many times we are bound because of sins that we have. Sometimes it's just sins of rejection or sins of resentment towards others that you haven't forgiven.

And when he (Jesus) had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:22). Now here is Jesus getting ready to ascend into heaven. He is imparting Spirit to them, anointing them, and He is also instructing them on what is going to happen on the day of Pentecost and how to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit at that time and look what the next verse says: If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained (John 20:23). Now for many years I always thought that was giving me a choice. Well if you know the nature of Jesus, He is saying that but He wants us to forgive them. It's not like John when he found the guy, he says, "I caught a guy casting out demons in your name and I forbade him." Jesus said, "Cut that out. If he's casting out demons, let him cast them out because if he's not against us, he's for us." How about the time when they came and they found the guy and he says, "Should we call down fire from heaven on them, Lord?" He says, "You don't even know what power you come from." In other words, He says, "Whomever we forgive will be forgiven and whomever sins we retain they will be retained." But the point is He wants them forgiven so we should be doing that. We should be listening to people and then standing in as an intercessor for the Lord Jesus, saying, "Your sins are forgiven." If we have to anoint with oil to prove a point that you are forgiven by that Holy Spirit by the washing of the water of the word, then we need to do that.

Another neat thing about the oil. You know we have these little bottles and they are nice, but when they did it. When they talked about anointing, they anointed. Now I've had that done to me. Those of you that were here last year right before I went to India, we all went and they dumped it on. I thought they were getting ready for communion and found out it was oil. I'll tell you though, there was impartation. So sometimes maybe we have, it's very possible that we have little results because we use little oil. I'm not trying to make a new doctrine of getting a bottle and dump it on somebody's head. But what I am saying is that maybe some of these things that we Westernize we are not doing a service to what the Bible says. We don't want to shake anybody up or you know do anything too out of the ordinary. I'll tell you what, you're never going to raise anybody from the dead unless you are willing to do something out of the ordinary. Because that is out of the ordinary.

Okay? We have to get to the point where we don't mind being out of the ordinary. The Bible says we are a peculiar people so go out and practice being peculiar.

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles (doctrines) of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment (Hebrews 6:1-2).

We have six things there and seven if you count the principles of Jesus Christ, which I believe is what He taught us to walk in love, love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbor as yourself. So you have seven principles there. Sometimes I want to just take a weekend and just teach those seven principles. Because one day I was reading this and it says, "Don't lay again the foundational doctrines." I realized these are the foundational doctrines of the Early Church and I didn't know any of them. Here I'd been preaching and teaching, nobody taught me these seven things. They're supposed to be foundational. Well if we don't have a foundation that is strong, what is the house going to look like when the wind blows?

Well, one of them we want to talk about , continue talking about is laying on of hands. Jesus sent out His disciples , these were doctrines of Jesus, right? He sent out His disciples. He taught them how to lay hands on the sick. One of the things that we do when we lay hands on the sick is anoint with oil. We cannot forget that Jesus probably must have included that when He taught them about laying on hands for healing. We need to include that, too. Whether you need to do it every time, or whether you need to do it when it's by revelation like it is with me. I'm not going to tell you that. You go take it to the Lord. What I'm saying is that y y€to do it. There are times when you're going to need to do it. How often? Whether it's every time or whether you get specific revelation, you figure that out with the Holy Spirit. But it has to be done. It has to be included in your repertoire of what you do to lay hands on the sick. At times you will need oil. At times you will need to just go straight to the forgiving of sins in order to have the results.

But, once again many times that action taken in the physical realm will inspire the spiritual faith. That anointing of oil is an action in the physical realm. There is no quality of oil that forgives sins. Just like there is no quality of salt that makes water taste pure. But it works because there's faith involved.

Key #7 , you may need to require action on the part of the person needing healing.

Key #8 , ask for and expect the impossible. Now it happened on another Sabbath (Do you notice the Bible, every time Jesus heals it like, "It was on the Sabbath..." That's not the only day He healed, it's just that those are the ones that got written. I'm not so sure that God's trying to record the healings, or He's trying to record how much Jesus upset the religious people. But anyway whatever the reason, it was another Sabbath..), also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered. And the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath that they might find an accusation against Him (Luke 6:6-7).

They don't care about the man that had been coming all those years. What they wanted to know is if He was going to get their permission to do it according to how they felt it should be done because they wanted to find an accusation against Him. Just because you're getting accusations doesn't mean that you are wrong. It doesn't necessarily mean that you are right, either. Sometimes we fall into that trap. But I'm going to say something. If you really are walking with God, there will be accusations. The Bible tells you what to do about them, but Jesus said to make sure you are all right with Him and you will get rewards for being persecuted for His sake. So my concern is not whether or not there be accusations, I just want to make sure that they are for doing something good. The false accusations I have a right, according to Isaiah 50, to condemn those words. But the true accusations, hey, that's just a crown in heaven.

But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand (Well, tomorrow I'll heal you because I really don't want to get these guys upset because I know their thoughts and I just don't want to shake the boat. No. What did He say?), "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood (Luke 6:8). Well now wait a minute. We don't want to put somebody on the spot because it might hurt their faith. See we want to take them into the back room and pray for them where there is no pressure. Because we don't want to take a chance that it might, we want their faith. We want them to be friends with us. No. Jesus said, "Stand up. Come up here." Tim come up here. Now poor Tim didn't want to come up here and he doesn't even have a withered hand. I knew guys like him. But here is this poor man with the withered hand there at the place where he should be for healing and Jesus said, "Stand up and come here." He hadn't explained anything to him as far as we know. He was teaching. It is very possible that He was teaching about authority and power of God. I don't know. But here He was teaching and then He says to those guys, "Stand up. Come over here."

Then it says, Then Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" And looking around at them all, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." (Now wait a minute. This guy has a withered hand. He can't stretch it forth because it is withered. Now I'm going to tell you what. Jesus, not only did He put the guy on the spot, but He put His own self on the spot. Because here He is in front of these people who are accusing him and He's saying, "Stand up here." and then He talks to those guys; He still hasn't talked to this man much. He says, "Stretch out your hand." He asked him to do the impossible. He can't stretch out his hand.) And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other (Luke 6:9-10).

It doesn't say, "And He prayed and his hand was restored and then he stretched it forth." It's just the opposite of what you'd think. He said, "Stretch out your hand" and in the process of that man's stretching it, it was healed. It's the same principle we talked about earlier in Romans 10:9 & 10. Confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead and thou shalt be saved. For with the mouth confession is made unto salvation and with the heart man believes unto righteousness.

That word "unto" is very important. It is the Greek word *eis* which means unto. It means into the direction of. So when we confess Jesus as Lord, that's a work that we do. But that work does not save us. It gets us unto salvation. It puts us in a position to receive something we couldn't have. And that's what this man did. When Jesus said, "Stretch forth your hand." It was his process of stretching forth, in that second, it was restored. Jesus put him on the spot, though, and He said, "Come up here." Obviously Jesus knew something. He perceived something in the Spirit. He knew that this person had the faith or that the faith would be there perhaps if He called him out. Once again it took the Holy Spirit. But you see here those two principles I told you require action many times on the part of the person needing the healing and ask for and expect the impossible.

Key #9, inspired action and inspired speaking. Here we again find a man at the temple. This is where he should be (synagogue the last time, but..) anyway this is where he should be for healing. Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily (Now wait a minute. This is the temple in Jerusalem, right? This guy has been lame for a long time. He can't walk from the time he was born. You find out later he's not a young guy so he been being taken there every day and laid at the temple daily for many years. Well, who do you think use to go to the temple and use to walk by this guy a lot? Jesus. How come Jesus didn't heal him? He didn't have the go-ahead. This man didn't come to Him or whatever the reason might have been. We've looked at some reasons why people get healed. That woman said within herself if I could just...you know all those that came to Him were healed. This man didn't come to Jesus. This man, whatever the reason was, Jesus walked past him. I'm sure Jesus noticed him because Jesus went to the temple more than once and this guy was there every day. Well anyway he was) laid daily at the gate Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple (Acts 3:1-2).

...who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." (Acts 3:3-4). This guy had his bowl and he's saying, "Can I have something." And Peter just walks up to him and says, "Look at us." He perceived something in the Spirit, Peter did. Something was different. It was like when Paul was in Iconium with Barnabas and they perceived that the headmaster's father had the faith to be healed. And he was healed. And you remember then everybody wanted to worship him because they said they were Apollos and Zeus or somebody. The point is that this guy was just a non-believer, a heathen. But Paul perceived that he had faith. Now if Paul hadn't have been there, that guy still wouldn't have been healed. Paul perceived he had faith, but it still took spiritual impartation. Paul had that ability. You have that ability, also. But it takes faith on the part of the other person. There are times when it doesn't for instance if they are dead. They don't have to have faith, believe me. There are times with children when like with Jesus with that little girl. He made sure the parents were there even though she was dead. There are times when somebody else can have that faith in situations.

Key #9, inspired action and inspired speaking. So Peter is inspired at this point. He says, "Look on us," to the man. First Peter fixed his eyes on the man, then he said, "Look on

us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them (Acts 3:5). He was expecting to receive something, maybe not what he got, but he was expecting to receive. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand (Now remember this guys legs don't work, but he takes him by the hand jerks him up...If he'd have looked at his feet, his feet still looked the same as they did that morning. He didn't wait until he saw them healed when he reached that poor man. I mean he could have yanked him up and the guy would have fallen right back down on his face, but he didn't.) ...he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength (v.6-7). It's actually in the process of being lifted up that his feet and ankle bones received strength.

If you understand the different Greek words, etc. I won't go into it, but this man probably was missing the bones in his ankle. In other words his feet were just flopped out. There were no bones in there. So this was actually a creation of bone within his legs and Peter grabbed him and pulled him up. Inspired utterance and inspired action. Why didn't he say, "Your sins are forgiven you. Rise up and walk?" Because that wasn't what he was inspired to say. He said, "Look at me." There's no power in the words: Look at me except in this case. Because that's what that guy needed to hear in order to expect to receive and what he received was what he really wanted because if he wanted money he would have been in the marketplace. That's where beggars go that want money. Beggars that want healing go to the temple. There's a big difference. This guy daily was laid at the temple not at the marketplace.

I'm going to tell you something else, this guy didn't need money. Because it says he was daily carried there. Not that he crawled there. In India you see guys with no legs crawling. They'll get where they're going and nobody's taking them. This guy either had a nice family or he paid people to take him there. He was asking for alms. An alms is not necessarily money. It is a good deed. But by having that bowl, you're showing that you have a need. And when Peter and John said, "We don't have any money but we'll give you something else. Get up." Woom and he grabbed him and pulled him up.

That reminds me of a story. There was a German prince, King Henry, I don't know how you say that in German, but that was what his name was. He got into this tiff with one of the Popes. So the Pope excommunicated him and so he went down there, not to the Vatican but to one of the northern castles that the Pope had, it was winter time and he stood out there I think it was for three days in the snow in his bare feet waiting for the Pope to let him in so they could make up. So when the Pope let King Henry in, the Pope was taking him through and showing him all the great relics and all the jewels and stuff that the church had collected over the years and he says to Henry, "You see, we no longer have to say, 'silver and gold have we none'" And the king said to him, "Neither can you say in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." So he got kicked out again. It's true. The riches are not in the physical things. The riches are in the spiritual things and we want to be those kind that can say, "Hey, we don't care about the physical, silver and gold have we none."

God still met their needs. You don't see Peter going hungry. But look at the power of God. What happened? So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them, walking, leaping, and praising God (v.8). (What happens when these things happen? God gets praised.) And all the people saw him walking and praising God (v.9). Last year at one particular church we had like a healing revival in India and I taught on this particular day, I really didn't have it planned, but when I got up to the podium, the Lord really had me speak on Naaman and the story of Naaman and how Naaman came down from Syria to Elisha with leprosy. Naaman got healed of leprosy and then he said, "I'm going to worship Jehovah." Naaman wasn't a Jehovah worshiper before he got healed. But afterwards he was. This place had many, many Hindus in this particular church and I said, "I'm not going to ask you to receive the Lord Jesus, I'm going to ask you to come up and get healed and then you receive Him. That's exactly what happened. Of course I didn't leave it at that, we live in a new administration, I took them into speaking in tongues and things like that, but the thing is though, healing will bring people to the Lord.

Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed. So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? (Acts 3:10-12). Then Peter preached. He received the healing. God was glorified and then Peter had an audience and he preached.

How are we going to see the harvest come in? A lot of it is going to happen through healing. Divine healing and power manifested. Because Jesus said, "These signs will follow those that believe..." Do you know what else follows those that believe? Converts. People coming to the Lord Jesus. Hallelujah. Let it be so.

Key #10, after healing people will listen. You have their attention. This is really the same story and the same context continued on. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13). Hey, people may think you're not smart enough to do the things you do, but when you get to know the Lord, miracles happen. The reason these guys marveled is because of what they were seeing and then they took note that these guys had been with Jesus. Not that they'd been to seminary. Not that they'd studied. None of those things really mattered at this point. What mattered is these guys had been with Jesus. Even their critics noticed that. Wow.

And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it (Acts 4:14). People can argue with you all the time about your doctrine. People can argue with you so much whether it was creation or evolution or whatever. You know what? Forget it. Just go heal somebody. They won't argue with that. They might argue with it, but it won't change the person that got healed. They couldn't deny it. What could they say?

..."But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name" (Acts 4:17). It just keeps coming up. And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus (v.18). These guys just did not care about the results or the healing that took place. They only cared about the status quo. When the Spirit of God moves it shakes up the status quo, even in the church, even at the temple. I mean we want things to be done decently and in order. I'll tell you what, things were in order before that guy started jumping through their service. But God likes it when people jump through the service healed because to Him that's in order. To Him that's decent. You see? We have different standards than God, sometimes.

But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (v.19). Amen. If you've seen it and you've heard it, if they tell you to stop speaking it, don't stop if it's really from God. If it's good enough for Peter and John it should be good enough for us. But let's see some of that healing. Let's see some of that power so we have the right to say, "It's more worthy to obey God." Okay? Because sometimes we receive this little word that we received or something we think God told us something and maybe He did and then we go into our church and we say, "God said this or God said that" and maybe it's not received the way you thought it should be received and so then you say, "Well, I'm going to do it anyway because God told me to do it." Oh shut up and sit down. When you start having the results that Peter and John had, then you have the right to say, "God spoke to me." Until then there is an authority in the church and it is there for godly reasons. Okay? I just want to make that point because I don't want people to take what I'm saying out of context. I do believe in authority and order. But I also believe there is a higher order that's different than ours. We should obey God rather than man. That's why we want to be able to look at the Scriptures through new eyes, through the eyes of the Spirit rather than the eyes of tradition. I'm not against tradition unless it gets in the way of obeying God. Okay.

So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done. For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed (Acts 4:21-22). He had been laid daily at the temple and he is over forty years old. I know he was there when Jesus was there. And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them (v.23).

That's an interesting point there. The Early Church was not a local church like what we have. But it was one church in Jerusalem, but nevertheless they had companions or co-workers. I think one version says, "their company." Even within the context of what God does in "the" church, we have our company that we can go to, our co-workers that we can glorify God with and be prayed for by, etc. When Peter was thrown in prison at a later time and they were going to kill him and the angel sprung him. He went to the mother of Mark's house where they were praying for him. How did he know they were going to be having a prayer meeting there? That was his company. That's where he hung out.

So they went to their company, So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'Why did the nations rage, and the people plot vain things? The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the Lord and against His Christ' (vv.24-26).

This whole thing right on down , then they talk about the persecution... "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus" (vv.29-30). The persecution is coming down hot and heavy and they're saying, "Lord, Lord stop this persecution. Oh, Lord help us. Peter and John don't have any money. Oh, Lord help us. They have to go to temple without money." No. They said, "Look. Listen to their threatenings, Lord, and give us more boldness. And stretch forth Your hand and do more miracles. Stir them up more. Shake them up." That is a different prayer than we're used to. Remember back to Peter and John they still never said, "Please Lord or..." They said, "Look here. Get up. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth get up." That's a different kind of prayer than what we're used to. But I say that's a prayer of faith because what happened? The sick got healed.

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness (v.31). Look at this, how this progresses from this one little guy getting healed at the temple to the persecution to the prayers to the shaking that came. Then everybody now is speaking with boldness.

Now the multitudes , see it started off with one guy , then he had a group come in , now you have a multitude of those who believe who are with one heart, one soul; Look at the unity that they have. ...neither did anyone say that anything that he possessed was his own but they had all things common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them all (vv32-33).

Look at the power that comes. And you go from here to there and now look we're not talking about even grace, but great grace. Look at the things that happened under great grace. It starts to change the city. It started with one man. It changed that man. The people in the temple saw it. The believers began to pray with power. They received impartation. Multitudes came and great grace was upon everyone. It changed the spiritual atmosphere of the city.

Just as a side-note: After healing, people will listen. What does that do? Technically that is another point of healing because then more people get healed. The greatest healing is coming with the Lord Jesus. It says that the angels in heaven rejoice when one person receives the Lord, not when somebody gets their leg back. That's great, but they rejoice when people are saved. So in a sense when one person gets healed and it leads to more being healed spiritually, that's the greater thing. So that is a healing of many.

Key #11 , grace and anointing increase with faithfulness and unity. We saw some of that in that record. I want to continue it on. Grace and anointing increase with faithfulness and unity.

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And the believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women (vv.12-14). Look at the things that are going on here. Do you see a harvest here? Are you getting a picture of what we can do and what we will have when we start doing these things? I'm for the harvest and I'm for the healing because I'm for believers to be doing what Jesus said believers should be doing.

...so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them (Acts 5:15). Do you know what we have been doing? We've been waiting for that kind of anointing to come and it hasn't come and we've been praying for that kind of anointing, "Oh, Lord. Just fall on the city and change and heal..." We haven't gone through the steps that they went through. We haven't gone through the things that they went through. We haven't had the things imparted to us that the stages that Jesus did with Peter. Peter didn't start out this way. Remember he started out by being sent out and casting out some demons and coming back and saying, "Wow, even the demons are subject to us." It led to this. This didn't happen overnight. Isn't it the same God? God's the same yesterday, today and forever. He doesn't change. Can He do that now? Yes. But the question is, will we do now what they did then? And we will get to this point. I firmly believe it. We're the city. We're seeing these kind of things. People are being saved and changed because of shadows, because of aprons.

Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, (Other people are now coming to Jerusalem. They didn't have to go there. They didn't have to set up a crusade for Samaria. These guys were coming down.) bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed (Acts 5:16). They were all healed. That is a higher anointing. It doesn't say that necessarily that happened every time Peter prayed before this, but at this point in time look at the grace. Great grace was upon them. Now everyone is getting healed. We can get to that place. But we have to start with somebody, right? We have to start by stepping out. We have to start by praying. Even if somebody doesn't get all their healing at that time, we pray anyway. We keep praying until our faith begins to rise, until we see more miracles than we use to see. For some people one miracle is more than they ever saw. We need to start seeing that on a daily basis. But we'll never see it if we don't start laying hands and praying. We will see it if we will start laying hands and praying in these ways with this understanding and with this authority in mind in the name of Jesus.

They were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation... (v.17). Not

everybody is going to be blessed when the whole city turns to Jesus Christ. Too bad for them. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.

This is another example of a similar thing. In Acts 19 Paul went to Ephesus and found twelve disciples there. They weren't a church, they were just twelve Christians. They'd been led to the Lord by Apollos and they didn't know about the baptism of the Holy Spirit, they didn't have a church there, but they were still hanging out trying to do the things of God. Paul shows up. He says, "Hey. Have you received the Holy Spirit?" They said, "We don't even know if there is such a thing." Well, so they received the Holy Spirit through him and they go to the school of Tyrannus and he begins to show them the deeper things of God, to teach them the deeper things of God. They have a church there in Ephesus. They establish a church in Ephesus and they train people. They send people out. The church in Colossi is one of the churches that was established by somebody that was sent, Epaphras was sent from that church in Ephesus. Well anyway great things were happening in Ephesus.

And this continued for two years, (This didn't happen the first day Paul arrived in Ephesus.) so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, (Acts 19:10). Not just regular old miracles. You have to do miracles to know what regular miracles are. Then if you do that, eventually you'll get to the place where you can do unusual miracles. Right now most miracles are unusual in most places. We need to change that. We need to be able to get to the point where you can have an argument over whether it was an unusual miracle or was that a regular miracle. Now I really want to know. Okay. If you want to have that argument I'll sit in and listen because at least we're having miracles, right? Praise the Lord. Well Paul was having unusual ones. No ordinary ones it says in the King James.

...so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them (Acts 19:12). Amazing, he didn't even go cast them out. Just the power of the prayer over the handkerchiefs sent demons out. I'm telling you what, that's not guaranteed that is going to happen. That takes a specific anointing. That takes a grace that has risen in the place. Praise the Lord.

For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body (1 Corinthians 11:29). One of the things that we will see will rise the anointing for miracles and rise up the grace in the body of Christ is when we truly discern the Lord's body. We are the Lord's body. It's not a loaf of bread. That's a representation. We are the body of Christ, regardless of which house of prayer we may worship in, we are all the body of Christ. When we come to the understanding and discern that, we will have this power.

For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep (or have died) (v.30). Because they had not discerned the Lord's body because what had happened in Corinth, the body of Christ was divided. It was split apart. What is it in the modern day church? We don't even think of ourselves as one church. If you start talking about one

church too much too often, what happens is some people get nervous. That's very, very unfortunate. So we will see that though as the anointing rises, as we walk in obedience, as we take authority over the devil it releases more unity. As that unity grows, more people get healed. As people get healed, more anointing for unity goes out. As there is more unity, more anointing for healing goes out. Praise God. This is bigger than any one person, or it will become.

Key #12 , heal the brokenhearted. A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones (Proverbs 17:22). A merry heart is just like a medicine. Medicines heal.

Jesus said quoting from Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor, He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To preach deliverance (liberty) to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed..."(Luke 4:18-19). That's a healing. We need to understand healing someone's heart is sometimes more permanent than healing a broken part. Because we prophecy in part, even the healing is in part. Even if your body gets healed, if the Lord tarries, you're still going to lay that body down one of these days. But that broken heart that was healed could lead you to a place where you now walk with the Lord Jesus, which can change your course for eternity. Both for Christians and for non-Christians.

We need to understand that when we lay hands on people for healing, it's not only physical healing, but also those unseen things, the broken-hearted things. To mend those hearts, to bind the wounds, to bring men and women of God back to the Lord, to restore such that's been broken, to restore people within the family of God, to bring sometimes that peace that somebody needs in their heart, is greater than any physical healing that may look to you as being the most obvious need in their life. Don't neglect that. The joy of the Lord is our strength and we are called to give healing to those that are brokenhearted.