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Lesson 1:

Healing School

Lesson 1: The Importance of Establishing the Will of God Concerning Healing

Mark 1:40-42

40 Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.”

41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “ I am willing; be cleansed.” 42 As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

Like many today, the leper had an incomplete revelation regarding healing:

- He believed Jesus **COULD** heal him.
- He did not know whether Jesus was **WILLING** to heal him.

This is where many in the Church are today: they believe God **CAN** heal, but they are unsure of His **WILL**.

Nobody who is a believer doubts God’s *ability*. Where they have their doubts is in regard to His *willingness* to heal, and more particularly in His willingness to heal *them*.

ILLUSTRATION: Would we rather have our children doubt our willingness or our ability? To doubt our ability is to doubt our resources, but to doubt our willingness is to doubt our love.

Which sounds worse?

“Daddy, I know you would help me if you could,” or “Daddy, I know you can help me, I just don’t know whether you will or not!”

I would rather my child doubt my ability rather than my love, but many in the Church have faith in God’s *power* rather than His *love*.

Matthew 7:11

11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Jesus cleared up the matter regarding His will with three words: "I AM WILLING" (Mark 1:41).

Jesus was not only speaking on His own behalf. He came to represent and to reveal the Father.

John 1:18 AMPLIFIED BIBLE

18 No man has ever seen God at any time; the only unique Son, or the only begotten God, Who is in the bosom [in the intimate presence] of the Father, He has declared Him [He has revealed Him and brought Him out where He can be seen; He has interpreted Him and He has made Him known].

Jesus came to reveal the Father in both word and deed:

John 7:16

16 Jesus answered them and said, " My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

John 5:19

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, " Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

John 1:18 MESSAGE

18 No one has ever seen God, not so much as a glimpse. This one-of-a-kind God-Expression, who exists at the very heart of the Father, has made him plain as day.

That's really our desire in this Healing School; to make the will of the Father in regard to divine healing, as plain as day!

John 14:8-9

8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, " Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

God is no respecter of persons. If it was true for the leper 2000 years ago, it is true for you and me today!

Hebrews 13:8

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

CONFESSION: “God CAN heal me. God is WILLING to heal me!”

What Jesus did for the leper in those three words, we want to do for you throughout the duration of this class: to establish, beyond any shadow of a doubt in your heart, God’s will to heal you!

QUESTION: Why is it so important to establish God’s will concerning healing?

ANSWER: Because you cannot believe God for anything you don’t KNOW it’s His will to give you.

F.F. Bosworth, Author of *Christ the Healer*:

“Faith begins where the will of God is known.”

Faith is built on the sure foundation of God’s Word, because it is a revelation of His will.

Romans 10:17

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

NOTE: It is worth noting that the scripture does NOT say that faith comes by “having heard”, but by *hearing* - present tense.

We need to be constantly feeding our faith on the truths of divine healing from the scriptures.

STORY: Brother Hagin meditated the scriptures regarding healing for some days before praying the prayer of faith.

QUESTION: Why do believers fail to receive their healing?

Two primary reasons:

1. Lack of knowledge, or refusal to believe, what the Bible has to say about the subject of God’s redemptive provision for our bodies (which is why we’re teaching).
2. Failure to act on what they believe.

Lack on Knowledge/Failure to believe:

You CANNOT believe what you’ve not been taught.

You need a foundation of truth upon which to stand.

Matthew 7:24-27

24 “ Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

26 “ But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

The foundation is established by both hearing and applying the message.

NOTE: The foundation lies beneath the surface. You can't see it. It lays hidden. There's only one thing that will expose your foundation for what it is, and that is the storm!

Any house is only as good as its foundation!

People can “parrot” words of faith all day long, but if they've not been building their life on the foundation of the Word by what they put into practice, they're on a faulty foundation.

STORY: Walking with a friend after the Northridge earthquake: because the foundation was compromised, the building crumbled when it was shaken!

Your healing house will shaken by:

- symptoms
- concerned family members
- doctor's reports
- the lies of the devil

ALL THESE THINGS HAVE A VOICE! The good thing is, God's Word is true!

ILLUSTRATE: Faith in the truth will change the fact!

The second reason believers fail to receive...

Failure to act on what they believe:

Acts 14:5-10

5 And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone them, 6 they became aware of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region. 7 And they were preaching the gospel there.

8 And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. 9 This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, 10 said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

We don't have time to do this passage justice right now, but we'll come back to it.

For now, we want to notice one primary point: **THIS MAN WAS HEALED BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DID!**

We often relegate this to Paul having special "apostolic powers" to heal.

Paul did NOT heal this crippled man.

Paul did three things:

1. He preached the gospel (Romans 1:16)
2. He saw that the man had faith to be healed
NOTE: Paul had to be preaching a gospel that included healing or else the man couldn't have had faith to be healed, for "Faith comes by hearing...the Word of God" (Romans 10:17).
3. He told the man to stand up. Notice, that Paul did this is a commanding voice to motivate the man to action!

The crippled man did three things:

1. He heard Paul speak. What did He hear him speak? The gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation!
2. He had faith to be healed (Faith comes by hearing...Romans 10:17)
3. He leaped and walked!

NOTE: The man had faith to be healed, but was no better until he **ACTED** on what he believed!

James 2:14, 17

14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

This is NOT talking about adding good works to our faith in order to “earn” our salvation.

Rather, this is referring to a kind or “quality” of faith that gets answers.

Faith that never acts, does NOT save. In fact, a faith that never acts is not real Bible faith at all. It’s really a form of mental assent.

In order to experience the power of God’s salvation in any dimension, we act on the truth we believe.

It’s true with the new birth, it’s true with healing, and it’s true with any aspect of God’s provision for our lives.

Romans 10:9-10

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

It’s not enough to merely believe in the heart, one must act on what they believe by confession the Lordship of Jesus - the wholly trusting their life to Him.

ILLUSTRATION: I’ve heard of many who “believed” the gospel they heard, but they wouldn’t act on it. In fact, they might have had a white knuckled grip on the pew to keep themselves from going forward.

The problem wasn’t their “believing”, per se, so much as it was their failure to act on what they believed and take ownership of the truth.

NOTE: Healing can be ministered and received on different levels and the degree of faith may differ depending where we are or how God is ministering to us.

QUESTION: How can you tell or “perceive” when someone has faith?

ANSWER: They get excited about it. Their face lights up! They have that Eureka moment where faith reaches a point of critical mass and they just have to act!

IN CONCLUSION: What are we going to do throughout this course?

We're going to get into God's Word and build a solid foundation of faith upon which to build our healing house!

Proverbs 4:20-23

20 My son, give attention to my words;

Incline your ear to my sayings.

21 Do not let them depart from your eyes;

Keep them in the midst of your heart;

22 For they are life to those who find them,

And health to all their flesh.

23 Keep your heart with all diligence,

For out of it spring the issues of life.

This verse speaks of:

1. The attentive ear
2. The steadfast look
3. The enshrining heart

We're going to give ourselves wholly to the Word of God on the subject of healing!

Why?

22 For they are life to those who find them,

And health to all their flesh.

“health” = medicine

For medicine to work for you, you have to

1. Take it (won't help you sitting on your shelf).
2. Take it as prescribed.

How are we to take God's medicine?

1. Give attention to the Word
2. Don't let it depart from your eyes.

3. Keep His Word in the midst of your heart.

You're going to have to keep God's Word before your eyes and keep your focus on what God says rather than on what all the other voices are saying!

NOTE: Whatever you give your mind and attention to you'll eventually believe. That's either good or bad news depending on what we're giving our attention to!

STORY: Keith Moore's story of people in Healing School vastly improving throughout the week only to be back to the beginning after the weekend.

As they would sit and listen to the Word of God and give attention to it, their faith would grow and would begin to blossom back into health like a flower in the sunshine.

But when they came back after a weekend away many were right back where they started.

Why?

Romans 8:6

6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

As they would listen to the word and keep their attention fixed there, they would begin to improve.

When they got back around the doctors, the family, and other negative influences, they began to deteriorate because they got their attention on the wrong things.

- Symptoms are competing for your attention.
- Relatives who want to know how you "really are" can distract you from what the Word says.
- Doctors are looking at the natural rather than the spiritual.

Over these six weeks, we're going to help you keep your eyes and ears on God's Word.

- Review the Lessons each day.
- Meditate the scriptures.
- Feed your faith on what God says.

Notes
