

# Do DRAMATIC healings still happen?

## Part 1 of 3



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**Summary:** People often say God is not healing dramatically like He did before. Is that true? Or they give reasons why we are not to expect the promises to ask for prayer and then “the prayer of faith SHALL heal the sick...” (James 5:14-15). Though it’s true we’re NOT seeing a lot of big healings, are we to believe dramatic healings have to be a thing of the past? I know God still heals. This teaching presents cases of dramatic healings I’ve experienced and been involved in, in the present era, to God’s glory totally. God is not the problem. This will be the first of several sermons on healing, faith, unbelief and more.

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Hello everyone. Philip Shields here. Welcome to Light on the Rock. When we read the stories about Jesus Christ in the gospel accounts, one thing that stands out is how he healed so many people – hundreds and hundreds. In fact we’re told many times that Jesus “healed them ALL,” and often with powerful life-changing healings and resurrections. After his death and resurrection, was God still healing people in the days of the apostles? And is he still healing dramatically – at least sometimes – today? Let’s find out.

But it’s also true that today we’re not hearing much about healings going on in our churches. Some church groups claim to still have some healings, and that’s wonderful. But why are so many congregations not seeing healings? Part of the reason is that we’ve moved into unbelief BY believing that God isn’t healing anymore; or that it’s a thing of the past. **So I’m going to share several powerful stories with you of healings and miracles I’ve been involved in, or have heard about, to show you God still heals today. This sermon is entirely for the glory and praise of God our Father and Jesus Christ.** Now look at the wording about when Jesus sent out his twelve disciples:

### Luke 9:1-2

**“Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them POWER and AUTHORITY over all demons, and to CURE diseases. [not just pray for] 2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and TO HEAL the sick.”**

**Notice something very important here. Christ did not send out his twelve disciples to just PRAY for the sick – but to HEAL the sick. Do you hear and see the difference?** Human beings other than Jesus Christ were **given authority and power BY the son of God to heal the sick.** Does he no longer give us power and

authority to heal the sick? I'll be saying much more about this in the next - the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sermons on healing and faith. **Mark 16:18b** says, "you shall lay hands on the sick, and the sick *shall* be made well." **James 5:14-15** says if anyone is sick he should call for an elder to pray for him, anointing him with oil, and the **prayer of faith WILL heal the sick**. No doubt, no maybes. What's happened to all that in our churches today?

When you call for the elders to come pray for you, do you ever even think to say, "I'd like you to come over and pray for me so *I will be healed*."

And later the twelve disciples came back very excited with the report that indeed they healed the sick and even demons were cast out.

When you ask for prayer for healing, are *you* expecting to be healed? ARE you being healed? Do you believe God still gives power and authority to his people to heal?

Hello everyone. I'm Philip Shields. I'm going to share dramatic true stories with you which show dramatic healings are still happening from time to time even in our time, though not nearly to the frequency and degree we should be seeing. I'm planning at least three sermons on healing and faith and what keeps healings from happening. Since recording this, I've heard of several others from friends here and there.

**Today I'll share exciting healing stories I've seen and been a part of.** I even phoned various ones to be sure I can use their names and stories and that my memory of the healings are as they remember them also.

*If you normally just read the notes and don't bother with the video, I hope you do **WATCH this video**. I simply don't have the time to write out all the stories in full detail. You'll miss a LOT if you just try to read this sermon. Plus you'd miss any photos and graphics we'll include.*

*This message is being given as I try to find answers why the church as a whole simply is not seeing any significant number of healings going on. Not even in my own prayers for healing. So this is as much for me as anyone. Now I have had some impressive answered prayers for hearing, but only a small percentage of the total number of prayers. This sermon is to give God the glory for the impressive and exciting answered prayers for healing I have been a part of, and just hope and expect we'll start seeing many more, if we learn what we must.*

*Too many ministers and brethren are saying they can't think of or remember any impressive healings at all, so yes, they wonder if God still heals at all. So it's time for a sermon like this.*

**Before I go any further: I hope you and I all realize we each have experienced one of the greatest of all miracles – GREATER than the Red Sea, Greater than walking on water.**

**Maybe it's the greatest miracle in which you've ever been involved. What is it?** *That you were saved from your sins and the righteousness of God Himself is GIFTED to us by faith in and through His Son Jesus Christ.* That you and I are being transformed into the very image of God and Yeshua Jesus the Christ. That we are the righteousness of God himself through faith in Christ Jesus (**Phil. 3:8-11; Romans 5:15-19**, especially verse 17 – "the GIFT of righteousness").

What a HUGE miracle. He now is working inside us, transforming us to have his mind and grow to be more and more like Him in every way.

**PLUS, I want to also say that I'm CERTAIN God is performing miracles in our lives we're not even aware of.** Maybe of you perhaps never got Covid because of miracles from God, for example.

In a way, this teaching today is not just about miraculous *healings* still happening – but generally powerful miracles of all kinds still happen too.

I know I've had miraculous protection from car accidents. **(Story of coming back from the Feast of Tabernacles around 2021...hear the video.)** We were driving on the freeway, all lanes full, going freeway speed just behind a pickup truck which was carrying a big load, when suddenly something about size of a washing machine just dropped off his truck about 30 feet in front of us, and we were all going freeway speeds, with heavy traffic on all sides of us. Somehow I didn't run right into that – with no time NOT TO. Somehow we got around without even realizing HOW or where we did that. We were both just silent for a few seconds after. Then Carole my wife finally said, "Wow, that was some driving, hon." I said, "I don't even know what happened. It wasn't me." I still don't know what happened or how we avoided a horrific accident with cars on all sides of us and behind us.

Well, so even that was clearly to me a miracle that I wasn't in a terrible wreck.

I want to be sure:

- **you all realize this sermon is 100% to God's Glory and NOT to my glory at all.** I have no power by myself to heal, but God has done some amazing healings I have to tell you about, to his glory.
- **And it's to show you GOD still does heal powerfully and dramatically.**
- *And yet I admit that even MOST of my own prayers for healing, either prayed over by me or others, DO NOT – as yet – result in powerful healings most of the time.* But I will tell you of SOME, **and want to help us all discover WHY we're not getting more healings** than we are. I hope we soon will start seeing more powerful healings if we all apply the contents of this and the next two or more sermons as well. Be sure to tell others about these messages. They're very important.

**Romans 10:17 NKJV**

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

**Faith, or TRUST, comes by what is HEARD,** and that comes from the message we hear about Christ, our Healer, the Word of God. And let's be clear: Jesus Christ IS our healer. God the Father is also our healer. Don't minimize or sideline either one.

Hearing God's word, yes. That includes hearing one another's stories of miracles and healings. In the days of ancient Israel, **people HEARD the stories of the ten plagues in Egypt** and how God delivered Israel in the Miracle of the Red Sea – with towering walls 70-90 stories high on either side!

So we can also recite the word of God or tell what GOD has done by telling and re-telling the stories of God's deliverance, God's miracles and God's healing! Even our healing and miracles. **That's where I'm focusing today** – telling you of exciting healings and a few miracles.

One of the reasons we don't see more healings is that we've been told – and too many of you believe – that God doesn't heal today as he used to. *I believe even just accepting that statement causes unbelief and results in less healings. Don't listen to that. It feeds unbelief. Don't ponder on that. In the next sermon I'm going to talk about ways we get unbelief going in our heads.*

I'm NOT referring to our bodies over time healing themselves of flu or whatever eventually. That happens too, of course. I'm talking about when we're prayed over – and then get healed. Sometimes right there, instantly. Sometimes a bit longer. But it's not just that the medicine is working – or that we had a good operation, a good surgeon. (More is said on the video)

**But when a pastor publicly says, "It's clear God does not heal today as you used to"** – then why bother going to them if you need prayer and healing? I said that to my pastor once. I've even heard ministers say they've never seen anyone healed, ever. The more he believes that, the more he will never ever see healing.

So it's time we talk about our Great God who HEALS, still heals – dramatically and suddenly and sometimes over time. ***But HEALINGS DO still happen.*** If there's a lack of healings going on, it's not God's fault. It could be us HUMANS – even us ministers as well – at fault.

**Here's what is said about Jesus' ministry:**

**Matthew 8:16-17**

"When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and **HEALED ALL who were sick,**  
**17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet,**  
**saying:**

**"He Himself took our infirmities  
And bore our sicknesses."**

**Did you get that? He healed not just some, but ALL who were sick. HE took on *himself* our infirmities and sicknesses, so we could have good health. Isaiah 53 is still in the Bible for US! HIS health in exchange for your illnesses.**

**Matthew 12:15**

"But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there. **And great multitudes followed Him, and HE HEALED them ALL.**"

**OK, so that was Jesus. But what about you and me? And did the early believers experience continued healing when Jesus returned to heaven? Did the early apostles have a lot of healings?**

**Acts 5:14-16**

"And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 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.**

**16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they WERE ALL HEALED.**"

**"All healed."** We do see later on, however, that sometimes there was delay. Trophimus was left in Malta sick (2 Tim. 4:20). Paul had an unhealed "thorn in the flesh."

**Were all these "ALL" who were healed devout believers** who obeyed all God's law very well? We aren't told. We're just told they brought their sick people and they were ALL healed. There's no QUESTIONNAIRE they had to answer either.

**When Paul went to Malta, look what we're told. Healing wasn't just for faithful church goers or the righteous believers.**

**Acts 28:8-9**

**"And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and HEALED him.**

**9 So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and WERE HEALED."**

Were all of those even believers in Christ, or sabbath keepers, or converted people? Apparently not, but those with diseases – were HEALED.

WHY ARE WE NOT SEEING THIS level of healing today? We're not even CLOSE! In this and at least 2-3 more sermons, we'll try to find out what we're doing wrong to explain why we're not seeing these to this degree, though I'll share SOME stories and reasons with you. GOD is not the problem here. He hasn't lost HIS power. It's US!

**1 Peter 2:24**

**"who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you WERE HEALED." [or 'have been healed']**

**Some ministers have taught that this healing was spiritual healing only. So once more, doubt and unbelief is being taught! Stop it.**

If we're healed, we're healed. Sometimes – though GOD says we're healed – the physical evidence sometimes says otherwise, but we must still believe, whether God does it suddenly or over time.

**THERE'S SO MUCH to say about healing, miracles, faith in the coming sermons.**

**Before my stories of healing and miracles, let's understand a few important things:**

- **We're probably all being healed and don't even know it sometimes. Maybe God kept you from getting covid at all.**

- **Great Miracles do not make someone a man of God. The False Prophet of REV 13:11-12 will call fire from heaven and make an image speak!** MANY will be so amazed they end up being deceived – if possible, even the very elect. False Christs almost deceive even the very elect – that’s how powerful some will be. **Mark 13:22.**

**So being able to do great miracles doesn’t prove you are a servant of God.  
SOME DRAMATIC HEALINGS TODAY**

**Lets’ get into some amazing stories of healing I’ve been involved with. I SAY AGAIN these stories are to glorify GOD, totally. Praise you Jesus. Praise you, Father.**

**FIRST – STEVE AND LINDA BRUNS in Moses Lake, WA.**

**Around 2013- a few of us were meeting for a Feast of Tabernacles in Cripple Creek, CO. There were about 35-40 of us.**

**There was a married couple there from central WA state. The man was Steve, probably about sixty at the time, who had had a bad stroke. His wife Linda was sore with very bad back with things like sciatica or other back pain issues.**

**Steve** – walked slowly, and was very weak. He spoke in an unnaturally high voice due to the stroke. He would forget in mid-sentence what he had started saying when he spoke with you.

**Linda Bruns – had an extremely sore back. Sciatica.**

**At the end of the Feast, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day**, the feast coordinator asked me, as the ordained minister there, if I would pray for and anoint the sick who had requested prayer. There were seven of them with various issues. The first two I prayed for with anointing of olive oil and prayer - were Steve and Linda. Then I prayed for the remaining five. The whole congregation was present for the prayers and several besides me laid hands on each one. That’s how they did it. As far as I could tell, my level of faith was the same for all seven.

Shortly after that we all gathered and sat down to start the church services for the eighth day. We had interactive style service going on. People could raise hands and make a comment or ask questions. The Feast coordinator was speaking.

Then Steve raised his hand and had a comment. My thought was “this won’t go well...,” expecting his high voice and that he’d lose his train of thought. But no, this time it was very different. His voice was deep and masculine. He didn’t lose his train of thought. Everyone was shocked at the sudden change. *Some of us almost got whiplash by suddenly looking at him with his now low voice and clear mind.* Now his voice was strong, masculine and deep and he didn’t lose his train of thought.

Right after services he couldn’t wait to run up and down some stairs, delighted to show everyone he was totally healed of the stroke!

In the meantime, his wife Linda who previously couldn't bend over at all – was out there bending over touching her toes without back pain. So both Steve and Linda were instantly healed and dramatically at that!

So two of the seven were dramatically and instantly healed. The other five – were not. I don't know why. They all seemed full of faith. And I didn't think my faith was any different. But two were healed and five were not. (Video will have more)

Later on, when doing the take-down after sabbath, we noticed Steve had left his two box speakers. So I gave those speakers to someone who lived nearby him to return to him. A few days later I called Steve to see if he received the speakers. But frankly I also called because, I admit, I wanted to be sure the healing had "STUCK"! That it was still GOOD; that he was still healed of stroke.

Steve answered the phone. But it was in a high pitch. I thought "Oh no!" – and then he jumped in with, "Gotcha, Shields, gotcha, admit I gotcha!" His voice was fine. He just had raised it high to throw me off. And he did.

He also then mentioned how all his neighbors were totally amazed by their healings as he and his wife went on their daily walks in the neighborhood.

**YES, GOD still heals today. Steve and Linda Bruns in Moses Lake, WA will attest to this!**

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Encouraged by the JOY of this dramatic, instant healing, I then did pray for others with strokes for healing, but none of them have been healed, including my brother Loren so far. So though Steve was a dramatic healing, I still wish I'd see more healings like that. But at least that one did happen!

### **Loren's story**

My brother Loren is one I had prayed for but without healing. He has had two massive strokes - when he was 58 and 65 or so. He's seventy-three now. At the time of this story, his wife also had early-onset Alzheimer's too – and was with us.

We were trying to get some government financial help some years ago – but we weren't getting anywhere. His income at the time was just over the limit to be able to receive any government assistance. I mean like just a couple hundred dollars too much, to qualify. My dear brother was SO discouraged. "I wonder if God even hears me anymore," he said. (Much more on the video).

That night – I prayed a lot for him. "Father, please Let him *know* you hear him. Let him know without question that you know him and are aware of him and love him. And I hope you'll still heal him." THAT was my prayer. Over and over that night I'd roll out of bed and pray again and again for him. "Father, show him so he'll know beyond any doubt that you do still know him and hear him."

The next morning, we continued our quest, but still no luck. At lunch time – I offered to buy lunch at PANERA BREAD in Ventura, California. We placed our order. We noticed that up

against a wall was a Hispanic lady in Panera uniform, presumably overseeing, watching over everything. I assumed she was a supervisor.

Then we sat down. Soon this “supervisor” came to our table, and introduced herself. Then she *called to my brother by name, and his wife, by name. We had never met.* She said she had been sent to us to share some news. She had good news and not-so-good news. She said the good news was that she had been sent to tell my brother that God knows him, still hears his prayers and knows about his condition, and his wife’s condition. And He hears their prayers. “He has not forgotten you,” she said she was sent to say to us.

The bad news was that she was told to say – “But Loren, for whatever reasons not shared with me, I was to also tell you – yes, God loves and knows you, but for his own private reasons, he is not going to heal you of your stroke. And your wife is not going to be healed of her Alzheimer’s either. But please don’t take that to mean He doesn’t know you or care about you.”

I was surprised. How did she know all that? What was happening? Who was this lady? She sat down with us and stayed and talked with us a while at our table, then a few minutes later, excused herself. (more on video)

Later – Loren had to take his wife to the bathroom, so I got up to thank the nice lady – but could not find her. I asked the manager about her. The manager said, “We don’t have anyone like that. First of all, our staff would never just stand by the wall watching and would never sit and talk with customers at their table. Never.” He then brought all his staff out for me to see which one I was looking for, but she wasn’t there.

When my brother and his wife came back, I announced to him: “Loren, I think we just have had a visit from a Hispanic female angel!”

And my prayers were answered so miraculously. Without a doubt, my brother now knew God was hearing him and knew all about him.

**There are so many more healings to tell you about. Yes, God still does heal today.**

### **MICHELLE AND preemie NIKI**

Back in 1997 I received a phone call from a church member lady asking if I could go anoint and pray for her daughter Michelle, in her mid-20’s, who had just had a breach dry birth of her 5 month old PREMIE tiny baby girl. The other pastor she had first called would not go pray for her in the hospital since she was living in sin and got pregnant out of wedlock and was not attending church. All good reasons to not pray for someone, right? Not! So she asked me and my response was immediately “I’m on my way.”

After 26 years I found her a couple of nights ago and talked to her on the phone. In her words, one of the first things she said to me was “I was a bad girl” (She’s OK with me sharing this). And yet the healing and miracles that happened are among the most dramatic I’ve ever seen.

We’re the new covenant now and Jesus is our righteousness (**Phil 3:8-11; Rom 5:16-19; 2 Cor 5:21**). We are the righteousness of God by faith in Christ, given to us as God’s gift to us



by grace and faith. At the end of Romans 3, 4, 5 we can read how God credits and imputes HIS very own righteousness to us. Romans 5:17 speaks of the gift of God's righteousness. So I was not at all concerned that she'd be righteous enough for God to hear our prayer for Michelle and her preemie baby.

What I'm telling you now I confirmed in a recent call to Michelle. I felt lucky to even find her after 26 years as this all happened in 1997. Her premature ("preemie") baby was 23 weeks along, so that's 5 months, and weighed 1 lb./4 oz. You read that right. Not even 1-1/2 pounds. She looked like raw hamburger when I saw her. We'll try to get a picture of this preemie named Niki. The preemie's mom Michelle was hemorrhaging and her water had broke two days earlier and the baby was born breach birth. The baby was of course in an incubator when I arrived.

I went to the preemie ward of the hospital first to anoint the baby girl, 1 lb. 4 oz. As I put on my gown and gloves, the doctor approached me asking what I was about to do. I said, "I'm Philip Shields, Michelle's minister and I believe in healing and will pray for baby Niki to be healed." **(Be sure to be watching video—much more detail).**

Doctor came up to me and poked me in the chest and said... "Don't you be giving Michelle any false hope. Her baby can't survive more than another day or two at the most. She'll die in 48 hours. So DON'T give her any hope. There's NO chance she'll survive more than one or days, even with your prayers. Her chance is ZERO to survive more than one or two more days."

I told him the God I serve gets angry when people say He can't do something. So I spoke clearly back to him: "I'm praying for this baby, she WILL be healed, and she will survive and she will grow and be well. And all this to God's glory!"

The doctor left in a huff. Just as well. I didn't want his unbelieving heart in the same room as me as I prayed anyway. I gently anointed and prayed for this little preemie who looked like raw hamburger.

Doc had told Michelle she could hold the baby as long as it would live, but in 1-2 days Niki would die. But Michelle opted to keep her in the incubator. This was all before I arrived with prayer.

Confident that NIKI would be fine, I then went to Michelle's room, to the preemie's mother. But Michelle's mom, Sherrie- who had called me – was standing against one wall. Michelle's boyfriend Scott, the preemie Niki's father, was sitting on a bench by the other wall, with Michelle's bed in the middle between Scott and Sherrie. Sherrie's the grandma, Michelle is the one with the baby, and Niki is the preemie baby.

As I walked in, I cheerfully told Michelle that I anointed her baby and she'd be fine. Then I grabbed her feet under the blankets and shook them slightly in a friendly gesture. She sat up suddenly as I did that, looking surprised. Her boyfriend also suddenly stood up. And Sherrie seemed surprised. I thought maybe they thought I was being a little too forward to grab her feet. Anyway, I eased around to her head and she exclaimed, "I've just been healed!"

"What do you mean," I asked. "I've just gotten here and haven't prayed yet."

Michelle: “When you grabbed my feet, I felt this **incredible energy and power that started from my feet**, zoomed up to my head, then back to my feet again. Didn’t you feel it?” I said “NO! I didn’t.”

Scott her boyfriend then jumped in: “Yeah, and didn’t you **see the bright white light like lightning flash** from her feet to her head? That’s what startled me and made me jump up!” Sherrie – Michelle’s mom -- said she saw the flash of bright white light too.

Me: “No! I didn’t feel anything or see anything. Where was I?”

All this showing God’s powerful love and His healing of this 25 year old “bad girl” -- her term – who had not confessed Jesus, was not attending church, was not keeping sabbath, had gotten pregnant out of wedlock and who knows what else. But God our Healer still loved her and so SHE go to witness a dramatic healing and answered prayer! She was healed *more powerfully than MOST* I’ve been involved with. She and her preemie as well!

(The photos I’ve posted so far are not of Niki but to give you an idea. Niki was smaller, redder, smaller head. I’m trying to get actual photos.)

She didn’t let her sin get in the way of thinking God wouldn’t hear us call out to Him. I didn’t let that stop me either. *Don’t let thinking you aren’t righteous enough keep you from seeing healing!* Michelle and Niki were healed. Being only one lb. 4 oz, Niki had to stay in the hospital and incubator for another one hundred days, but she LIVED. And NIKI lives today! She’s 26 years old now with a baby of her own. Praise God! Praise our dear Abba Father in heaven, God Most High. Praise Jesus who heals all our diseases when we come to him in faith. Healings come from both Father and Jesus – Yeshua our Messiah.

I had a wonderful recent chat with Michelle and re-introduced her back to her Savior and assured her, even now, 26 years later, that “God above must love you so dearly to let us both be reconnected. Michelle, God wants you in his bosom. Jesus sent me to find you and pray with you and assure you of God’s love – if you will accept Him and call out to him.”

Then I prayed with her and found it hard to keep tears from welling up in my eyes as I asked for God’s presence, forgiveness, acceptance, love and an open door back to him. Michelle has some health issues today, but she knows God knows her. And Niki is fine now too, 26 years old with a healthy baby of her own. Niki is still short, about 5’3”. I wish now I had gone back to see the doctor though and show him we have a great God who heals.

This was one of the best healings I’ve ever seen. The lightning like light, the surge of energy, the healing of Niki the preemie, the witness to the doctor that there IS a God in heaven who hears our prayers – wow, praise you Father. Glory to you, Jesus!

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**My cousin Michael and Jeanne Williams have a dear friend Mandy, whose daughter recently had TWIN PREEMIE girls**, also just 5.5 months along, and also like the story I’ve just told – just like 1 lb. 7 oz and the other preemie was about 2 lbs. My cousin Michael and of course Jeanne prayed fervently with lots of faith for Mandy’s daughter and the two tiny twins.

They were given almost no chance of surviving. But they *have* survived. I've posted a picture of the twins once they were released from the hospital and incubator. Praise our Healing God. Yes, he still heals. He hasn't stopped healing.

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### **MY OWN STORY WITH STAGE 4 CANCER**

**I have more healing stories. MY OWN story: when I was about 46 years old** (am seventy now), I had gone in for full physical and blood work and a couple of days later got an urgent phone call from my doctor's office ordering me to come back in right away. I was 35 minutes away and wanted to know why. Finally the doctor herself grabbed the phone and told me in no uncertain terms to get my butt in the office. Something urgent and important.

Once in the office, the doctor said, "We want to definitely do much more testing, but it looks like you **have cancer of the liver and pancreas**. By the look of it, it **could be stage 4** already. You need to be getting all your affairs in order, as you might have only 3-4 more months to live – maybe more, but not much more."

I remember a tear forming in one eye as I thought of my son, about 11 years old at the time, realizing if the doctor were right, he would grow up without a father.

**More tests. Yes, stage 4 CANCER OF The LIVER and PANCREAS. Then I had** an appointment and another exam scheduled in a hospital with another cancer specialist doctor. I was sitting on the bed-like thing they had in the room, waiting for the doctor. I just had on the hospital-type gown with the open back.

Then the door flung open... and the doctor entered. In one hand he had a lot of papers,. And in his right hand just a FEW papers.

"Where've you been going? Who have you been seeing? What have you been doing?" He showed me the stack of papers in his left hand, showing all the previous tests and reports. Then just a few sheets in his right hand, then added, "Mr. Shields, I can't explain why, but all the liver and pancreatic cancer is all gone! What have you been doing?" (More on the video)

Anyway I explained that Jesus must have healed me. He was thrilled to learn I'm a Believer, as he is. As he left the room, he was exclaiming "Praise the Lord, thank you Jesus. Praise the Lord."

So I KNOW God heals. And yet, somehow even I still have some unhealed serious issues like diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep apnea and tinnitus. But I KNOW God heals and I'm working on doing things right for healing of these other things. Much more about all that in the next two sermons.

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**Another story involves my son Jonathan.** As a late teen, he had fallen off a pickup truck, banged his head hard on the blacktop road and scraped his face really bad. But he had hit his head real hard. He just wanted to sleep, but I insisted he be taken to hospital to be checked out. So Carole took him to the hospital. Tests showed he had several brain bleeds on his brain – like an **intracranial hematoma**. It was serious and could have been life threatening – or at least could have seriously affected him. So Carole stayed with him

that night in the hospital while I stayed home and prayed a lot. Any type of bleeding inside your skull is always an emergency, serious, and should be checked out.

When new tests were done the next morning, all the hematoma, brain bleeds, had vanished. With no surgery. He was completely healed and released. Praise our wonderful Father and healer.

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**Another time, while we were living in Fredericton, Canada,** an older couple who lived just a few miles from us, called me. The lady said her husband couldn't move. His back and body were all locked up, and he was sitting in a recliner and couldn't move. When I got there, we prayed and during the prayer, we all heard three loud clicks, like cracking sounds in his back. Upon the Amen, he started moving and said, "I'm fine now." I said, "I know, I heard your back click back, three times, to what it should be. God instantly heard our prayer!" Praise Yeshua our Messiah, our healer and our Father In heaven.

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**I could go on with a few more examples.**

About six years ago, I had routine tests, and then doctor wanted more tests. Then I was called in: "Every single one of your major organs are INFLAMED. And something's terribly wrong with your blood. Let's do more tests."

**I was told I had Multiple myeloma – that's a CANCER of the Plasma cells.**

Multiple myeloma is a cancer that forms in a type *of white blood cell* called a plasma cell. Healthy plasma cells help fight infections by making proteins called antibodies. Antibodies find and attack germs. But in *multiple myeloma, cancerous plasma cells build up in bone marrow. Frankly, I didn't know what multiple myeloma was when I was told, and didn't realize how serious it could be.*

But my doctor also told me that all my major organs were inflamed – the spleen was inflamed, the liver, my heart, my pancreas. I asked what that meant. I remember him just looking down and muttering, "Well, nothing good. Let's get more tests." Doctor also wanted me to get an MRI brain scan because for some reason he felt I might have a brain tumor. This time around, I felt no fear or worry and was not upset. God had healed me before and God could heal me again. So I had the brain scan. But there was no tumor there.

*Then a few weeks later I got a phone call from the Florida Cancer Specialists and Research Institute reminding me of my appointment. I thought, "CANCER Institute? Now that is sounding serious!"*

But when I met with the cancer Specialist doctor I went to see, she looked at all my most recent tests and said, "I don't know why you're here. All the issues in your previous tests are all gone. Your blood is fine! Your organs are fine. You can go home. You're fine."

Praise Yehovah our Healer.

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I also had very severe **and painful Plantar Fasciitis** – so bad the podiatrist said it was the worst case he's seen. He said I would have to walk with a walker or with crutches the rest of my life and I would not be able to ever play pickle ball or other sports. He showed me a long needle and he said I could come in for painful monthly shots in my heel that would

ease the pain of the plantar fasciitis, but I declined the shots. But I had canes in the house and in the car and had to use a cane or crutches all the time.

After prayer and massaging it and trusting – about 3 weeks later, the pain completely disappeared one night. I'm SO thankful. I did not take the shots they wanted. I did not take the medication they recommended. But with prayer and massaging, this horribly painful foot condition – one morning was just suddenly gone. Yes, God still heals.

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Next time I want to go into how we let ourselves slip into something so dangerous – UNBELIEF, DOUBTING – and how that KILLS any chance of healing.

What are examples of unbelief starting to happen in us? You might be surprised.

What role can others play in you being healed -- or not healed? WHEN is the healing started when you pray for healing? Let's just introduce two scriptures that I'll examine in much more detail in the next sermon.

**Mark 9:17-29**

**Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. 18 And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."**

**19 He answered him and said, "O FAITHLESS [or "unbelieving"] generation how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." 20 Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.**

21 So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. **But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."**

**23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, ALL things are possible to him who believes."**

**24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I BELIEVE; help my UNBELIEF!"**

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" 26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

**28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"**

**29 So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." [NIV, etc. leave out "and fasting"]**

**NEEDING PRAYER AND FASTING. When did you and I last FAST? Is it any wonder we're not seeing more dramatic healings if we're not fasting?**

**v. 24 -- "I BELIEVE. HELP MY UNBELIEF." The duality of belief and unbelief that's in ALL OF US probably. I'll go into this in much more detail in the coming sermons. Please be sure to hear them and tell others about these sermons. TO God be the glory. But it's so easy to slip into unbelief. Learn how, in the next sermon.**

UNBELIEF – even slightly – can really keep you from being healed.

**Mark 6:1-6**

"Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. 2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! 3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

5 **Now HE could do NO mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.**

6 **And He marveled because of their UNBELIEF. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching."**

We'll start next time with this topic of the "Killer of dramatic healings called Unbelief" next time. You'll be surprised how so many of us have unbelief going on and don't even see it or realize it. But if we can GET RID of it, Jesus promised in Mark 9:23-24, "**IF you can believe, ALL things are possible to him who believes.**"

We must NOT excuse our unbelief as something normal, or something God understands. We must not ACCEPT our unbelief or give reasons why it's normal. In Mark 9:17 Yeshua clearly POINTED to their UNBELIEF as being the reason for no healing in that case until then. "O FAITHLESS generation..." So DON'T excuse it or accept unbelief.

**Unbelief, lack of faith, not fully trusting, doubting – all of that must be eradicated if we are to have healings. How many times did Jesus say, "YOUR faith has healed you"? SO many times. We'll proceed with this topic in part 2. Be sure you continue listening to these. Praise God. He STILL HEALS.**

Closing prayer