

Healings Part 2, Conquer Unbelief



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Summary: *This teaching is about the main reason we're not seeing a lot of healings today: unbelief. Doubting and worrying. Wondering about healing. We explore the many ways this deadly plague of unbelief enters our spiritual life – in ways many don't even recognize as unbelief. It must be rooted out and overcome for us to start experiencing more of God's healings again.*

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*We'd all love to see more healings. But true, dramatic healings, especially instant healings, are not common among believers. Though I've prayed for some who have been dramatically healed, many of my own prayers have not resulted in healing. But God has blessed me with **some** spectacular healings to HIS glory. (This is NOT a full transcript. More in the video)*

In my last sermon, I shared several amazing stories and experiences of powerful dramatic healings I've been a part of or heard about. I mean instant healings in some cases. Be sure to watch part 1, since faith comes by hearing the word (**Romans 10:17**), including the stories of God's healings and miracles.

Romans 10:17

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

I was hoping these stories would inspire us to realize the truth is that God does still heal – sometimes instantly and dramatically, other times more slowly. Maybe you'll be one who will start feeling God wants to heal, is still healing, and will heal especially those who believe.

But it's also true that NOT everyone is going to be healed. I've had some amazing healings in my own body that I recount in Part 1, and yet even I still suffer from existing health issues that so far have not been healed.

Welcome everyone. I'm Philip Shields, host and founder of Light on the Rock ministries started 20 years ago. I'm **starting 2024 with several sermons on HEALING** and the faith that goes with healing and powerful miracles being seen again. On this website we have many hundreds of topics, sermons, blogs and articles on this site. Just type in 1-2 key words in the Search bar at the top right and see for yourself if we have a blog or sermon on a topic that interests you.

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I've received more stories of powerful healings going on. One from a lady named Linda in Arizona about God's spectacular healing of her husband who was surely going to die without God's intervention, but she had lots of believers praying for him, and the doctors were amazed he didn't die of heart cardiomyopathy, A-Fib, and lots of other conditions – and sensitive surgeries that could have gone bad – but didn't. Praise God. That was a case of healing and protection even in the face of surgery. Her husband was not a member of her same church group. God healed him anyway, just as he did Michelle in my part 1 story of a lady who was not actively attending church anywhere or by her own admission not living a righteous life.

And Ondigo Ochieng, one of our precious pastors in Kehancha, Kenya – sent me this note of a healing a few years ago:

Dear Philip:

There are so many examples but the one I can't forget was about **Peter Ogendo from Migori. Peter is a shoe shiner.** Grantone from Migori told me that Peter needed our prayers. **He had had a serious stroke**, paralyzing the whole right side of his body. It was almost like his right side was dead. He was admitted at St. Joseph's Mission Hospital Migori. His wife had lost hope and was just waiting for her husband's time of "departure."

Grantone and I prayed and about 24 hours later, Peter was healed, completely healed of his stroke. Therefore, clearly our God heals. He doesn't need us to have a lot of our knowledge of the scriptures in order to heal us. He needs faith which most people like me sometimes lack ...

Best regards,
Brother Ondigo.

Today I'm going to cover various aspects of what I believe is the MAIN REASON we are not seeing more healings – and how that problem gets into our heads more deeply and in ways we might not even realize or be aware of.

What am I talking about? **UNBELIEF. Having no faith or very little faith will definitely affect the number of healings we see.**

SIGNS we are sliding into UNBELIEF, include feelings of:

- ***Losing peace of mind; feeling so stressed***
- ***Feeling fear, being afraid of the news of your health***
- ***losing faith, having little or no faith; just giving up.***
- ***worrying, doubting if this will work out OK***
- ***lacking complete trust in God***
- ***turning into a nervous wreck***

Unbelief, I believe, is the main reason we're not seeing more healings. I'm going to show you **many ways we hold on to unbelief without even realizing it.** *This sermon is as*

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much for me as for anyone else. Strong faith is what healing is all about – but even faith as small as a mustard seed will be effective, Jesus said.

By Faith – I mean we're deeply trusting, *believing* and looking to God, *even when we don't understand or see what He's doing.*

FAITH, on the other hand...

- **ABSOLUTELY believes God still heals today and wants to.**
- **EXPECTS God wants the best for us, and normally *wants* to heal us.** There ARE exceptions, so don't misunderstand.
- **Lets us be calm and at peace with our situation** and with God after prayer
- Lets us trust God **even if we have no idea where He's going or doing. We know it will work out for our good (Rom 8:28)**
- Keeps our eyes fixed on God through prayer (**Isa 26:3-4**) and faith.
- **Lets us praise and even *thank* God FOR all things -- and IN all things.** ALL things. Read **Eph 5:20; Phil 4:6-7.**

We'll discuss positive FAITH much more in Part 3.

Hebrews 11:1

"Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, **the evidence of things not seen.**"

Faith is the evidence of things NOT seen (Heb 11:1) so we *MUST believe even BEFORE we see any physical and material evidence of a healing or miracle taking place.*

We have faith even when we wonder what God is doing and don't see yet where He's going. But it's so hard to keep unbelief and doubt out when our prospects and doctor's prognosis are scary.

But it can take us some TIME to get to that point of absolute faith, like the example we're given of Abraham's faith. But he took time.

Romans 4:18-22

Abraham – "who, contrary to hope, **in hope believed**, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." **19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.**

20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, **21 and being *fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.*** **22** And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

We're told that Abraham is our example, and how did not waver in his faith (Romans 4:18-22) when God promised him, even at 100 years of age, that he and his

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barren wife of 90 would have a son. And from that son would come the Son of God eventually and be a blessing to all nations.

But even Abraham took some TIME to get to that point of unwavering faith:

- **Lying about Sarai** as his sister and hiding the fact she was his wife
- The whole **solution of using HAGAR** was from unbelief at first. They were trying to work out God's promises themselves.

Let me remind you: we're supposed to be seeing healings in our believer churches. **These are promises from Yeshua/Jesus** the son of God:

Mark 16:17-18

"And these signs WILL follow those who BELIEVE: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; **they will lay hands on the sick, and they WILL recover.**"

James 5:14-15

"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. 15 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."

Notice we read of the "prayer of FAITH," and these signs will follow those who BELIEVE. How deadly is it to answered prayers, to lack of miracles and healing, if we have deadly unbelief?

Can you imagine a time when even God in the flesh was kept from doing as many miracles as He would have – because of this deadly scourge of unbelief?

Let's look now at how deadly unbelief can be. Not having faith, or enough faith, can keep our healings from happening. We like to believe with God all things are possible, and that's correct. But now watch this: A time when even God in the flesh – Jesus Christ – was unable to heal as many as he wanted to.

HOW DEADLY UNBELIEF CAN BE

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.** [or, "they took offense 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.”

Let that sink in. God in the flesh, Jesus the Christ, could NOT heal but a few in Nazareth because due to their unbelief according to **Matthew 13:58** about the same story. This implies that Jesus may have even tried to heal, but could do but a few healings due to their unbelief. God gives us free moral agency, so especially heals those who believe in him and in Jesus the Christ.

Remember the statement we all know -- “All things are possible with God.” But at the entire statement in Mark 9:23 says more than that another place.

Mark 9:23

Jesus said to him, "IF you can BELIEVE, all things are possible to him WHO BELIEVES."

We'll examine that whole phrase in its context. But all things even with God ARE possible *when we BELIEVE*. Don't get me wrong. God does what he pleases in heaven and on earth and he'll heal if he wants to, but really seems to prefer seeing faith first.

So even the Son of God wanted to see faith and belief - - not unbelief.

Nowadays are we acting more like the unbelievers of Nazareth – or are we going to see more frequent miracles because we do believe God heals, wants to heal, and will heal you and me?

Does “believing” for healing require A huge amount of FAITH?

Luke 17:5-6


And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a MUSTARD SEED, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

So even just a little bit of faith can often be strong enough.



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Jesus DISMISSED DOUBTERS at some of his miracles

Remember the story of Jairus' daughter? Jairus had asked for healing for his very sick 12-year old daughter, but on the way there Jesus was told the daughter had died, so there was no point in continuing on. Now watch what Jesus does in context of not wanting any unbelief or doubting to happen.

Let's get the whole story.

Mark 5:21-43

"Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea.

22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet **23** and *begged Him earnestly*, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."

24 So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

Yeshua/Jesus, obviously wanted to heal. But on the way there....

25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, **26** and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. **27** When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.

28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

According to the Law, she was supposed to stay away if she was hemorrhaging blood. (Much more discussed in the video)

29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she FELT in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that POWER had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

I gave an example in part 1 of this message, of POWER – ENERGY – being felt as part of a very dramatic healing. Be sure to hear it.

31 But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. **33** But the **woman, fearing and trembling**, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

34 And He said to her, "Daughter, YOUR FAITH has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

35 While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "**Your daughter is dead.** Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

What Jesus says next is vital!

36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

When we get the terrible news that we have pancreatic/liver cancer, stage 4 – the fear can be enormous. I know. I've been there. I was told I might have four months to live. I didn't even tell my own wife at first.

So having FAITH at a time like Jairus was experiencing – just being told your 12-yr old daughter had just died – **will depend on what you focus on.**

Jesus continues on to Jairus' house anyway and basically says to Jairus – 'Hey, don't listen to them. Just believe. Don't even think she's died, or it's too late!" Jesus wanted to stop all thoughts lacking faith or feeding doubt or fear.

37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. 39 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."

40 And they ridiculed Him. But when He had PUT Them ALL outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying.

Doubters can keep a miracle from happening. When praying for healing, have only people full of faith be present. When asking others to pray for you, ask only those with faith. Don't just do blanket large requests, as many of them could be doubters, who might prevent a miracle from happening.

Even in the story of the group prayer for **Peter in Acts 12**, when he was imprisoned, God was merciful, as so many of them still disbelieved even when Peter was outside knocking on the door. Read Acts 12 if you're unfamiliar with the story.

So be careful who is with you when praying for someone. Jesus put all but a few outside first. Even if a second minister goes with you to pray and anoint- - be sure that second minister has faith too!

Mark 5:41

"Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "*Talitha, cumi,*" which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

I wonder if even we ministers today would have that level of faith in a similar case to just declare – "ARISE." *We might wonder, "But what if she's not resurrected," right?* Maybe we should ask instead: "But what if because we believe, what if she IS resurrected, when we say confidently "ARISE"?"

When our son David died as a baby – I did try resurrecting him. I'm not ashamed to tell you that. His body was rock hard. I thought I believed, and so spoke life -- 'wake up, LIVE again, David, in Jesus' name, live!' *THAT time my faith wasn't answered, or maybe it wasn't strong enough.* But surely in faith we can try anyway! Let's continue in Mark 5:42.

42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

Are you seeing how the devastating power of unbelief has to be neutralized first – and put doubters out of the area when you're praying? Unbelief has to be demolished by the greater power of true believing faith! Be sure to hear my Part 3 on this Healing series, which will be all about miracles by faith.

Now contrast unbelief with the fact that so many times when Jesus healed, he **credited the healing to the person's strong faith** or belief. Here are a few.

- The woman with issue of blood – "*Your* faith has made you well" Mark 5:34. We just read it.
- The paralytic man they lowered down through the roof (Mark 2).
- Blind men Jesus healed – Luke 18:42 – "*your* faith has made you well"
- 10 lepers, one returned to say thank you – Luke 17:17-19 – "*your* faith has made you well".

But realize the common denominator was their FAITH, not their doubting.

So we've got to eliminate unbelief if we want to see more prayers answered. But don't get me wrong. *There were some cases when Jesus and apostles healed people even when healing wasn't even requested!*

- **The woman with a bent back for 18 years - Luke 13:10-17.** Jesus called her to him and healed her without her asking.
- **Peter and John in Acts 3** – healed the lame man who was expecting money, not healing.
- **Jairus' daughter was dead.** But perhaps it was Jairus' faith that counted.

So when God really wants to, of course He can still heal, whether we demonstrate faith or not, but He loves seeing us believe in him as often as possible.

BELIEFS THAT PUT US INTO UNBELIEF

1. **Believing the lie that GOD has decided MOSTLY, apparently, NOT to heal nowadays, at least not as much as he did in the past.**

(It's clear He isn't healing as frequently as in the past – but that's not because HE'S decided not to, but because of OUR *unbelief*)

When people came to Jesus for healing, they strongly believed they'd be healed. Same thing when they went to apostles for healing: they *believed* they'd be healed. Do we feel the same strength of faith today? When *we* ask to be prayed over for healing, are we just going through the motions just in case, or truly believe?

2. **A variation of this unbelief is FALSELY BELIEVING the “by his stripes we were healed” (1 Peter 2:24) phrase is referring just to spiritual healing,** forgiveness and salvation. No. TOO many have been healed to believe that! Don't limit God's healings by believing being healed by his stripes applies just spiritually.
3. **Believing we have to CONVINCe God to heal us; to make it his will to heal us.**

We know **we have to pray “according to your will,”** yes. I believe that. Jesus in Gethsemane prayed, “not my will, but yours be done” (**Luke 22:42**). Part of the Lord's prayer is “*thy will be done*, on earth as it is in heaven.” SO yes – we want to pray our healing be God's will.

But don't WEAKEN that by assuming if you're not healed quickly, that this means it's not God's will to heal you, or that God is not willing. So we WEAKLY say, sometimes, “I know God can heal me – if it's his will.” But we hold to a weak conviction that it IS his will. *It is usually God's will to heal. If we're not being healed, there are other reasons.*

Do you feel you have to CONVINCe God to heal? Stop that. Start realizing it is God's will to heal most of the time, even if you've been sick a long time. Believe GOD *wants to heal you*. God wants you well and pain free.

DOES God always heal when prayed to? No.

But deciding He's not going to heal surely is the exception for God. It's also true that sometimes God does let his servants have ailments and die from them.

Prophet ELISHA got sick and was not healed but died (2 Kings 13:14,20). **Isaac** was blind before he died. And hey, we'll all eventually die, right?

Timothy had frequent “infirmities” and was told to drink a little wine (1 Tim. 5:23). Paul didn't heal Timothy. God did not either.

Paul himself had some sort of “Thorn in the flesh” that God told him he would have to use the grace provided – “For when I am weak I am strong” (**2 Cor. 12:7-10**) so he got to the point where **he could “take pleasure in infirmities” – for “when I am weak, then I am strong”.**

MANY times GOD lets us go through times of suffering and pain – because it is in our PAIN that we're being PERFECTED, and having to seek after God. (Hebrews 2:10; 10:14; James 1:2-4).

So yes, I know all those examples. But those are exceptions. I believe God normally wants us to be well. As long as we don't fully embrace this concept, we won't be seeing healings like we should – and could be seeing. God wants us healthy and well most of the time in his perfect will.

John 10:10

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have LIFE, and that they may have it more ABUNDANTLY.”

3 John 2

“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in HEALTH, just as your soul prospers.”

Realize that even God's will to heal or do other things, can be stopped if we fight his will because God gave us free moral agency. Examples:

*** Over Jerusalem, Jesus wept as he said that he would have protected them as a mother hen does her chicks, ‘*But YOU were not willing.*’ (Matthew 23:37). God accepted their free will. Isn't that amazing?

Matthew 23:37

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but YOU were not willing!"

*** God's will was for the Pharisees to be baptized by John the Baptist, but THEY were not willing. And God honored their choice.

Luke 7:29-30

“And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. **30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.**”

There are a few – very few cases where it truly is NOT God's will to heal. The angel who came to us and told us she was sent to **tell Loren**, my brother, that he “is known by God and God hears all your prayers, but for reasons not divulged by God, Loren, you're not going to be healed of your strokes.” The full story of that incident is in part 1 on healing.

So many times when Jesus was asked to heal, if He was willing, He ALWAYS in his lifetime said he was willing! That same Yeshua is in heaven hearing our prayers and He is definitely willing to heal you as well.

Matthew 8:1-3

When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. 2 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are WILLING, You can make me clean."

3 Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I AM WILLING; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Again, **Luke 5:12-14** –Same results. He IS willing. So don't weaken your faith by wondering if it's God's will to heal you.

When two blind men in Jericho were making a ruckus and calling out for healing – Yeshua commanded they be brought to him, and he healed Them! He was willing! (**Matthw 9:27-32; Matthew 20:29-34**). He has compassion on you as well, just like He did for them. Acknowledge you believe in him and believe he is willing to heal you.

So some of the ways we show unbelief – that I've covered so far –

- *Believing that God has somehow decided not to heal as much today as before;*
- *or that GOD has to be convinced to heal you.*
- *We wonder if God's will is to heal us. No – turn that around. Know his will is for us to be in health and to heal us, with rare exceptions.*

Now let's continue learning about ways we may be allowing unbelief into our hearts without even fully realizing it.

4. **EXCUSING our doubts, fears and unbelief by somehow believing it's OK to have some "minor" unbelief. We excuse it as "normal."** We use the story of the father of the demon-possessed boy who said, **"I believe. Help my unbelief."** (Mark 9:14-29) If you're unfamiliar with the story, read it in Mark 9.

It's almost like this *has become our acceptable template today* – that professing some unbelief within our hearts is OK, and that God understands it. Yes, recognize your unbelief – but then be rid of it!

Jesus in Gethsemane understood dreading what was coming when he thought about crucifixion. He'd seen a lot of them, no doubt. He sweat blood. He was in deep agony to the point he said he could just die from the agony. "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death" – Mark 14:34.

Matthew 26:38

"Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

So Jesus does understand when we are afraid of a doctor diagnosis of cancer or how things will end, humanly speaking. He understands our pain. He does understand betrayal and being abandoned, being scourged, being denied by his dearest followers and friends.

And Yeshua/**Jesus understands us** when we say in fear, "Father, I want to believe, but help my fear though. Help me get rid of unbelief! I want to believe totally! I don't want this fear, this unbelief." *We must not accept or excuse our unbelief, fear, doubting or worrying or wondering how it's all going to end up.*

5. **ANOTHER UNBELIEF: Upon the "amen" at the end of the prayer, ALWAYS CHECKING The PHYSICAL EVIDENCE "IS The PAIN still there?"** We are called to focus on what is the unseen, not on what is the seen, even if all the symptoms and pain are all still present.

Sometimes God heals instantly as in the stories of the woman Michelle who felt the heat and energy go through her body when I touched her, and the bright light two people saw. Check out the full story in my Part 1 on Healing.

But even her preemie baby (26 weeks, 1 lb., 4 oz.) took 100 more days to grow and develop its organs in the incubator –but she was definitely healed, though the doctor assured me she would not live more than 1-2 more days.

The elderly man with the locked up back was healed instantly. We all heard three distinct loud clicks during the prayer for healing.

But still – after you’ve been prayed for, don’t be checking for physical assurances and proof that you’ve been healed. That’s looking to the natural, to what’s seen, and physical – instead of the supernatural and unseen.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

“Therefore we do not lose heart. **Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.**

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

My severe Plantar Fasciitis took several weeks, but I kept believing even with the crutches ... and then the pain disappeared suddenly overnight, and I was healed. All the severe pain gone. I was told I’d need a walker the rest of my life.

And think about this: when we talk about our condition – and I do it too – what do we do? We tell everyone, even those praying for us, how bad we feel, how bad the pain is. We need to stop doing that. That’s giving power to the illness. Let’s change how we’re acting. I’m tired of being in the congregation of the sick! Do you pray – but deep down you doubt, or expect the worst? Do we study the doctor reports more than we study God’s promises? These are signs of unbelief.

How about instead speaking how great our God is. Our tongue has the power for life and death. Let’s speak life to our bodies and to others. Believe!

Proverbs 18:21

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit.

I’ll explain this more in Part 3 – but think about this: when we pray for healing, since faith if the evidence of things not seen, *start believing healing has already started, even when we can’t see it yet.*

There are so many examples in the Bible of people thanking and praising even BEFORE they saw the answers. Jesus praised his Father for having heard him about Lazarus – while Lazarus was still very dead in the tomb (John 11:41). He thanked God for the five loaves and two fish – before they had multiplied (Luke 9:16). He had the ten lepers go present themselves as healed – before they even apparently could see any healing. Story in Luke 17:12-18.

I have a whole sermon on praising God before we see His answers.

6. Here’s another kind of unbelief we hang on to: BELIEVING and feeling we’re not worthy to be healed; or we haven’t been good enough. The truth is, “worthy is the LAMB.” Yes I know we are to be worthy of our high calling. But do believe God wants to heal you – even with all your warts and all.

There IS the story of the centurion, who felt unworthy for Jesus to even come into his home to heal his very sick servant. So yes, we can feel unworthy – but then pray he sends the command to heal anyway just like he did. Story in Matthew 8:5-13.

Matthew 8:10, 13

10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!

13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have BELIEVED, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

7. HAVING UNRESOLVED CONFLICTS and even unresolved marital issues can hinder the power of our prayers. Resolve the conflicts!

Mark 11:25-26

"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, **forgive him**, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Matthew 18:15-17 law – go to your brother privately and alone and get it all out and resolved and then GIVE A BLESSING also.

Also **Matthew 5:23-24**.

1 Peter 3:7

"Husbands, likewise, **dwelt with them with understanding, giving honor** to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, **that your PRAYERS may not be HINDERED.**"

So the main point I wanted to get across: Recognize ways we're letting unbelief get into our heads. Realize that God wants to heal us. If we're not getting healed, it's not His fault. It's ours or others around us.

Do NOT accept that God does not heal like he used to, or needs to be persuaded somehow.

Quit wondering if God is willing to heal you; if it's His will. Jesus said it was his will to heal and make someone whole.

Don't hang on the notion that it's OK to have unbelief. "I believe, help my unbelief" – we want to *knock out unbelief*. Remember in Nazareth, Jesus' own home town, even the Son of God – Jesus – could do no mighty miracles except a few healings – due to their unbelief (Mark 6:5-6). Don't let that be our story even one more day. Let us be believers!

Stop feeling you're unworthy of healing. Jesus is worthy and he is IN YOU now. Of course you're worthy in HIM.

And resolve conflicts, starting with your own marriage. Don't hinder your prayers.

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Let's keep our eyes on our HEALER and not on the doctors' reports and how all the physical facts seem to say you're going to die soon. Yes, we'll all die eventually – but God wants to heal us. Look to HIS words more than your doctors' words.

Focus on our great GOD – and not on how bad everything feels, or how worrying something is. I believe if you take the points in this teaching to heart, we will start to see many, many more healings – instant dramatic ones as well as some who take longer but are still healings.

Next time we'll explore the amazing power we have available when we have unwavering faith, and deeply, truly believe. So don't miss Part 3, the role of Faith in healings and miracles. We'll also look into the "GIFT of healing." What is that? We'll discover the power God has given us over illness and disease if we believe. There's still a lot to cover.

Closing prayer.

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