

## **“Positioning Yourself for Healing”**

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**Introduction:** Last year around this time we had a Healing Conference. Although we will not have a Healing Conference this year, we will focus on healing tonight for Bible Study.

### **We are going to focus on three main areas tonight:**

1. Your mind **MUST** be renewed (in agreement with God) about Healing and Sickness.
2. Your mind **MUST** be renewed (in agreement with God) about how long you are supposed to live.
3. You **MUST** make a demand on healing, from God, with your **OWN LIPS**.

***Your mind MUST be renewed (in agreement with God) about Healing and Sickness***

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### **Sickness is part of the CURSE and NOT a Blessing:**

**(Deut 28:58-61 NIV) If you do not carefully follow all the words of this law, which are written in this book, and do not revere this glorious and awesome name—the LORD your God- the LORD will send fearful plagues on you and your descendants, harsh and prolonged disasters, and severe and lingering illnesses. He will bring upon you all the diseases of Egypt that you dreaded, and they will cling to you. The LORD will also bring on you every kind of sickness and disaster not recorded in this Book of the Law, until you are destroyed.**

- This is part of the curse.
- Verse 61 says that any sickness, even those not listed in Deut 28, are part of the curse.
- \*\*\* If you really believe that God gave you a sickness, then **DON'T TAKE MEDICINE!**

**(Is 53:4 AMP) Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy].**

- To bear is to assume the weight of; to take over responsibility for; to take upon.
- Jesus took our sickness upon Himself.
- He paid the penalty for the curse.
- He became a curse for us (Gal 3:13).

***Your mind MUST be renewed (in agreement with God) about death***

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### **Jesus helped DELIVER US (past tense) from the power and the fear of death:**

**(Heb 2:14,15 KJV) Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

**(v.15) And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

- The fear of death is the Mother of All Fears
- The fear of death gives birth to all other fears.
- If you are able to be delivered from the fear of death, then you will be able to conquer FEAR in your life.

**(Rev 1:18 KJV) I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.**

- Keys are symbolic of authority.
- When you have the key to something, then you control the access of it and to it.
- Jesus took the KEYS of death from satan.
- Jesus took the sting out of death (1<sup>st</sup> Cor 15:55).

**(Phil 1:21-25 CEV) Paul said that he could choose when he was ready to die: If I live, it will be for Christ, and if I die, I will gain even more. I don't know what to choose. I could keep on living and doing something useful. It is a hard choice to make. I want to die and be with Christ, because that would be much better. But I know that all of you still need me. That's why I am sure I will stay on to help you grow and be happy in your faith.**

- Paul was clearly NOT afraid of death.
- Paul said that he could CHOOSE whether or not to die.

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Tim ) I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:**

- What was Paul saying?
- He was saying, "I am ready to DIE!"
- I am done.
- Ready to go!

**Abraham gave up the Ghost:**

**Abraham:** (Gen 25:7,8 KJV) **And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, a hundred threescore and fifteen years. Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people..**

- Abraham gave up the Ghost at the age of 175.
- The connotation here is that he GAVE HIMSELF OVER to death.

**Isaac gave up the Ghost:**

**Isaac was old and full of days:** (Gen 35:28,29 KJV) **And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years. And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.**

- Isaac gave up the Ghost at the age of 180.
- Once again, the connotation here is that he GAVE HIMSELF OVER to death.

**\*\*\* The Key here is that your subconscious will do whatever it can to get you to operate in what you believe!**

**\*\*\* Example: Autopilot in an aircraft.**

- **If your programming tells you that you are supposed to die at 70 or 80, then**

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**God isn't bothered by the boldness of the one who comes to Him in faith, because that boldness isn't inspired by the person's confidence in himself. It's inspired by his confidence in God—in His goodness, His love and His power.**

**The Confidence of the Roman centurion:**

**(Mat 8:5-10, 13) When Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, **and my servant shall be healed**. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.**

- Isn't that amazing? Not only did Jesus do what this man asked Him to do, He changed His plans in accordance with the man's next request.
- Jesus intended to go to his house and heal the servant, but the centurion said, in essence, **"No, I'd rather You not come to my house. Just speak the word and my servant will be healed."**
- The Centurion put himself in position to receive.
- Just as Jairus and the woman with the issue of blood had done. He heard and believed the word about Jesus. He spoke words of faith, "My servant will be healed." And he put action to his faith by coming to the Lord.

**Jairus and his daughter:**

**(Mark 5:22-24 KJV) And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.**

- How come Jesus did not say:
  - Don't tell me what to do!
  - What if I don't want to go to your house?
  - What if I want to heal her another way?
- What did Jesus do? He went with him.
- Why? Because Faith Moves God!

**The Woman with the Issue of Blood:**

**(Mark 5:27-30 KJV) When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, **Who touched my clothes?****

- Jairus' faith caused Jesus to start.
- The woman's faith caused Jesus to stop.
- The Centurion's faith caused Jesus to change his plans.
- **It looks like Jesus was responding to Faith!**
- Looks like God is NOT AGAINST us coming to him in faith.
- **Looks like faith does NOT OFFEND God, it looks like FAITH PLEASES God!**

**Closing Confession:** Father God, I determine to line up with words with Your Word. I agree with Your opinion of me. I will live a long and prosperous life. I never speak against Your blessing upon my life. My mind is alert, my body is strong, I am healed of all diseases, I am delivered from all destruction. I live in perfect health. Every organ, every tissue, every cell in my body functions in the perfection in which God has created it to function. I forbid any disease from ruling over me. Every disease or malady that hits my dies instantly. Furthermore, I am made whole. Every area and every aspect of my life is prosperous. I am complete. I live a long and a prosperous life. Lord, be it unto me according to thy Word and my declaration of faith. In Jesus' Name.