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## How to Minister Healing

### 3. It's Our Responsibility

- God has given us in Christ all that He could give us. Now it's our responsibility to make it work. That can be both exciting and condemning.
- A sign of spiritual maturity is when you start doing the will of God from your own initiative. Example: Do you want your child to always remain a child and to expect always to be told what to do? Of course not. You expect that as the child grows into an adult, to begin taking initiative. It is wonderful when a son takes the garbage out on his own initiative.
- I don't need special leadings from the Holy Spirit to do what the word already says. Paul did whatever he thought best. That is why he was stopped from going to Macedonia at one time, because he did not wait for special leadings. When there is a special leading, that's great. However, the rule of thumb is to do what the Word says.

#### Exodus 14:9–16 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup>So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.

<sup>10</sup>And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD.

<sup>11</sup>Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt?"

<sup>12</sup>Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."

<sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which **He will accomplish for you today**. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

<sup>14</sup>**The LORD will fight for you**, and you shall hold your peace."

<sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "**Why do you cry to Me?** Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

<sup>16</sup>But **lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it**. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

- Notice Moses' preconception when he encouraged the people in v. 13: "He will accomplish... The Lord will fight for you..." He was waiting for God to do something and that's how we are all the time.
- But God asks him: Why do you cry to Me? You lift up the rod and YOU DIVIDE IT. He didn't say: you lift up the rod and I WILL DIVIDE IT, but YOU WILL DIVIDE IT.
- Another principle here is that if God called you to do something and you face a roadblock or an obstacle, you can rest assured that that obstacle is not from God, because He told you to do the mission. In that case, YOU have the responsibility to overcome it. In other words, Moses was saying to God: "God you told us to go to a promised land and here we have a problem. Do something".

And God says back: “What have I told you? Take my children out of Egypt and take them to the promised land. I didn’t tell you to get them out of Egypt, then get them to the Red Sea and die there. So, whatever you got to do to make this happen, you do it and I will back you up.”

#### **Matthew 8:23–27 (NKJV)**

<sup>23</sup>Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

<sup>24</sup>And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

<sup>25</sup>Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”

<sup>26</sup>But He said to them, “**Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?**” Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

<sup>27</sup>So the men marveled, saying, “Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

- In the situation above, it seems like Jesus was expecting the disciples to calm the winds and the sea, or at least to not fear.

#### **Matthew 14:14–16 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup>And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

<sup>15</sup>When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.”

<sup>16</sup>But Jesus said to them, “**They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.**”

- Jesus again here was expecting the disciples to catch the vision, He was expecting them to multiply the breads and start thinking supernaturally. He wasn’t playing stupid, He was aware of the great crowd and He was probably even aware that they didn’t have the natural means and resources to feed all that crowd. If He expected them to do something about it, it means they could have done it. It wasn’t saying those things just to frustrate them or to show off what He can do.

#### **Luke 10:19 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup>Behold, **I give you the authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

- Jesus gave the disciples and to you the authority to trample over all the power of the enemy. God in His Sovereignty will not intervene in things that He has already given you authority to do something about.

#### **Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup>For **we do not wrestle** against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

- Who is wrestling here? God or us?

#### **James 4:7 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup>Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

- Who is supposed to resist the devil? Us of course.

#### **2 Corinthians 5:18–19 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup>Now all things are of God, **who has reconciled us to Himself** through Jesus Christ, and **has given us the ministry of reconciliation,**

<sup>19</sup>that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and **has committed to us the word of reconciliation.**

- God has given us the ministry of reconciliation (to distribute life and heal people) and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

#### John 16:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, **the Helper will not come** to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

#### James 1:21–25 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup>Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But **be doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

<sup>23</sup>For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

<sup>24</sup>for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

<sup>25</sup>But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

- The Holy Spirit is the Helper and we, the believers, are the doers of the word, and not the other way around. Can a human being heal? No. The Holy Spirit actually heals through people. But we do the word.
- The word or the perfect law of liberty shows us who Jesus is. Notice that the passage from James above doesn't say that we are looking to a portrait, but into a mirror, when we look into the word. That means we see us, the new us, who are recreated in the image of God. The word of God doesn't show that we are sinners, because then the passage encourages us not to forget what we saw in the mirror. For sure it doesn't say to nor forget that we are sinners, we are ugly, and evil. It rather says to not forget that we look like Jesus and to do the word. What is the word in this case? Lay our hands on the sick and they will recover.

#### Mark 16:20 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup>And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord **working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs**. Amen.

- The Lord was working with the word and confirming the word through accompanying signs. The signs were accompanying something that went before the signs: the word. The signs and wonders will come when we act, when we do the word, when we teach the word.
- Example: Have you ever been on a construction site? Have you ever seen a lifting crane? The man commanding that machine sits down relaxed and just pushes some buttons, but the crane does the heavy lifting. If the crane is not used, it will not lift anything. The man is hired to do the will of the company, but he cannot lift all the heavy blocks. He is given a help by the company to fulfill its will.
- The Holy Spirit knows us so well that most of the times He will prepare ahead of time what we need to minister, He thinks ahead of us. Example: a surgeon with his nurse giving him the tools needed. Another example is with a licensed electrician and his helper. The helper prepares everything needed in advance, but only the electrician is licensed to do the work.
- Example: A pastor and his church. A pastor is not supposed to do the job himself and the others look at him. He is supposed to lead from behind, delegate others to do the ministry, help them do

the ministry.

- Example: There is TV show series called “New Amsterdam” in which a doctor takes over a hospital and then he comes into a meeting with the whole personal of the hospital (other doctors, surgeons, nurses) and the first question he asks: How can I help? I help you and you help the patients. That is how the Holy Spirit is and us.
- I will say now something quite difficult to swallow, but it’s true. Every time you don’t get the promises of God come to pass in your life at the time they needed to come to pass, the thief got a victory. We didn’t get any victory. God gets a victory when a promise comes to pass: Yes and Amen.

#### 4. Don’t Be Condemned

- When you hear all these words and think of all the cases when you could have done something, and you lost, you might get condemned. However, Paul says this:

##### **Philippians 3:12–14 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

<sup>13</sup>Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind** and **reaching forward to those things which are ahead,**

<sup>14</sup>**I press toward the goal** for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- You don’t need to feel condemned, because there is a thief who is always setting you up to fail and deceiving you. That’s his job. He sneaks in and steals the word. You need to realize that he’s to be blamed.
- Example: If a big dog comes at you and starts chewing at your leg and you see a stick near you, are you going to use the stick to beat yourself or beat the dog? Satan comes in and he reaps us off, he gets us to believe in something that is not true, he gets us off the word, in fear, in worry, and then the promises don’t come to pass.
- No, take that stick and beat the hell out of the dog. The dog’s the problem. Use this regret and anger inside you against him, not against yourself.

#### 5. The Power of God is Mechanical

- God has put certain laws in place in nature like the rotation of the earth, day and night, the sun and moon and they all go mechanically through repetition. He doesn’t need to specifically attend to those laws. They work all the time under the same conditions.
- The same is with the power of God in the New Testament. Faith and power are mechanical, meaning that there is a clear process that God has put in place of how they should work, and under the right conditions, they will always work the same way and produce the same results. It’s a repeatable process. Moreover, they can be used at your own will.
- When God told Adam that the day he will eat of the forbidden tree he will surely die, right there a

spiritual law was put in motion. It wasn't God watching to see if Adam would eat and then strike him dead. The law itself caused Adam to die. It's like a curse. In the same way, the words God has decreed about us, about how faith and power should work, they are spiritual laws put already in motion. When we align with them, they produce the same results for anyone, anywhere, anytime.

#### **Matthew 7:21–23 (NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

<sup>22</sup>Many will say to Me in that day, ‘**Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?**’

<sup>23</sup>And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

- The principle here is that technically there can be people who find out the spiritual laws that are in motion, they discover how to believe, and release power, and they manage to heal themselves and even heal others. However, they might not ever be born again. They use the principles, because they are mechanical, but they don't have a relationship with Christ. They have a certain ability to use them, but not the authority. Moreover, they don't have the help of the Holy Spirit. Example: Dr. Joe Dispenza, The Secret and the Law of Attraction, etc.
- If an unbeliever in Christ can do those things, all the more you who are in Christ can do them. But do them in the right way and make sure you are first in Christ. The problem has been that in the church we made that relationship with God the basis of receiving power. And then it turns into manipulation and frustration.

#### **Luke 10:17–20 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup>Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

<sup>18</sup>And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

<sup>20</sup>Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but **rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.**”

- Jesus says here: „Yeah guys, the casting out demons thing is great, but rejoice that you are in a relationship with Me.”

#### **1 Corinthians 13:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup>And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and **though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains**, but have not love, I am nothing.

- Technically, it seems that you can have all faith to move mountains without having love or without being in Christ. However, you are nothing, you didn't achieve anything. But if you use your faith through love and from the standpoint of a personal relationship with God, then it matters, it counts (Galatians 5:6). It's not that faith works ONLY through love as many Christians interpret Galatians 5:6. Faith can work anyway. But it's faith working through love which remains and for which you will get a reward.
- While unbelievers can tap into some miraculous things, they are still limited because they don't have the Holy Spirit, the fullness of God, and the recreated spirit inside them.

## 6. Recovery Can Happen Progressively

- Sometimes healing and recovery can begin at the moment you pray and then continue to work on the person in stages towards wholeness. Recovery is not always instant, but the person can be in a state of healing.
- This is not the ideal and it's not what we want. We want instant, but sometimes that can happen too. If it's not instant on the street, it really doesn't help as a witness and as a sign.

## 7. Not Much Information Needed

### Mark 10:51–52 (NKJV)

<sup>51</sup>So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to Him, “Rabbuni, that I may receive my sight.”

<sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, **“Go your way; your faith has made you well.”** And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

- Notice here, this man was blind and wanted to see. Jesus didn't ask him how did he get blind. He didn't say: “What brought this on?” or “Was anyone in your family blind?” or “Does blindness run in your family?” or “Is there a genetic thing or a spiritual generational thing here that we need to go back and discover what it is?”
- As Jesus did it, you don't need to know a lot of details about a sickness. Why? Because the solution is the same, no matter the sickness. The power of God is greater than any genetic or generational curse. Plus, knowing details about the sickness can weaken your faith most of the times. What if a sickness is from birth? It is all the same to God, but to you it will seem like a mountain compared to a headache. The more information and input you have about a sickness from people, the less you will look at it from God's perspective.
- The main root or cause of any sickness and disease is the devil. All the other so-called causes are intermediary or subordinate to the devil. They don't matter.

### Matthew 9:20–23 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup>And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment.

<sup>21</sup>**For she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.”**

<sup>22</sup>But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that hour.

<sup>23</sup>When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing,

### Luke 8:43–48 (NKJV)

<sup>43</sup>Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any,

<sup>44</sup>came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And **immediately her flow of blood stopped.**

<sup>45</sup>And Jesus said, **“Who touched Me?”** When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’ ”

<sup>46</sup>But Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.”

<sup>47</sup>Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

<sup>48</sup>And He said to her, “Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”

- This woman with the issue of blood got healed and Jesus didn't know a thing about who got healed. He didn't know if she deserved it, He didn't know how she got it. Yet she was able to dictate her own healing by her saying: "If only I can touch His garment, I will be made whole."
- The woman was able to pull her own healing from Jesus, without Jesus having to even command or say something.

**Matthew 14:34–36 (NKJV)**

<sup>34</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

<sup>35</sup>And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick,

<sup>36</sup>and **begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well.**

- These people just touched Jesus' garments. And the Bible says that as many as touched it were made well.

**8. No-one's Permission Needed**

- Do I need the permission of the sick person or demon-possessed person to minister to them? Technically, no, we don't need permission especially in the case of demon-possessed persons. The Christian has been given authority over all the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19), so I can cast the devils out from anyone with no permission. If you're dealing with a demon-possessed person, you don't if the person or the demon will answer when you ask for permission to minister. So, you can go ahead and deliver that person, and if she wants the bondage back, she can get it back very easily, and she will even be seven times happier 😊
- In the case of sick people, you might have to ask for permission of the person or their family (if they are unconscious). I am saying that, because some sick people might be offended by Jesus and His teachings and they might not want ministry. That happened in Jesus' home town.
- Other than that, we don't need any other permission to minister to the sick. Jesus has all authority in heaven and earth. That means the devil has NONE. We are operating under Jesus' authority.

**9. This Can Be Done Anywhere**

- Healing can be done anywhere: at work, at school, in the restaurant, in the grocery shop. It doesn't necessarily need to happen in a church.
- Also, you don't need an atmosphere for healing, or a certain worship atmosphere, or even worship leader. You must always be ready and stirred up to minister to anyone, anywhere.
- When you worship you don't even need music all the time. If there's music, even better, but if there's none, you can go ahead and worship by yourself and pray in tongues.