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How to Minister Healing

10. Third-Party Faith

- In the Roman centurion (Matthew 8:5-13) and the Syrophoenician woman (Matthew 15:21-28) we can notice that the sick persons were healed based on someone else's faith. Those third-party people (the centurion and the Syrophoenician woman) were not even in covenant with God, but their faith was enough to heal somebody else. A person who is not even a Christian can have faith for someone else. So, you can be healed by your own faith, somebody else's faith, and also someone else can be healed by your faith. This is what this section is about.

James 5:13-15 (NKJV)

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.

¹⁴Is 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.

¹⁵And ***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.

- The book of James is the oldest book of the New Testament, meaning it was the first book of the New Testament, written by James, the brother of Jesus, as early as A.D. 45, before the first council of Jerusalem in A.D. 50.
- Some think that this epistle was written in response to an overzealous interpretation of Paul's teaching regarding faith. According to most sources available today, it seems that this book was probably written to be used as a primer for new Christians. If you go through the book of James, you can find there everything that you need to know about how to practically live the Christian life: how to treat people, how to watch your words, dress code, etc.
- Now, this new believer that is advised to start his Christian life by reading James, gets sick. Let's see what James says: "Call the elders." Their faith should be able to heal the sick person.
- Notice that is the prayer of faith prayed by the elders that heals the sick, not even the sick person's own prayer. They are not held responsible at this point, because they are brand new, they may not know all this stuff and they need help.
- It is not even the will of God. The epistle didn't say: "Let him ask the will of God about his healing." It is rather the prayer of faith. The prayer of faith is not technically a prayer, because we know Jesus did prayers of faith, but He never prayed for the sick, He spoke instead. The prayer of faith is basically speaking forth the will of God and commanding God's will to be done. Example: In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus issues some commands – "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." When I say: "Be healed" I actually say "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven".
- Notice, that in order to be an elder, you have to be able to heal the sick, otherwise you cannot be

an elder.

Genesis 20:1–18 (NKJV)

¹And Abraham journeyed from there to the South, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur, and stayed in Gerar.

²Now Abraham said of Sarah his wife, “She is my sister.” And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.

³But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, “Indeed you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man’s wife.”

⁴But Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, “Lord, will You slay a righteous nation also?”

⁵Did he not say to me, ‘She is my sister’? And she, even she herself said, ‘He is my brother.’ In the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands I have done this.”

⁶And God said to him in a dream, “Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her.

⁷Now therefore, restore the man’s wife; for he is a prophet, and **he will pray for you and you shall live**. But if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.”

⁸So Abimelech rose early in the morning, called all his servants, and told all these things in their hearing; and the men were very much afraid.

⁹And Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, “What have you done to us? How have I offended you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done.”

¹⁰Then Abimelech said to Abraham, “What did you have in view, that you have done this thing?”

¹¹And Abraham said, “Because I thought, surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will kill me on account of my wife.

¹²But indeed she is truly my sister. She is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

¹³And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father’s house, that I said to her, ‘This is your kindness that you should do for me: in every place, wherever we go, say of me, ‘He is my brother.’ ”

¹⁴Then Abimelech took sheep, oxen, and male and female servants, and gave them to Abraham; and he restored Sarah his wife to him.

¹⁵And Abimelech said, “See, my land is before you; dwell where it pleases you.”

¹⁶Then to Sarah he said, “Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver; indeed this vindicates you before all who are with you and before everybody.” Thus she was rebuked.

¹⁷**So Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants.** Then they bore children;

¹⁸for the LORD had closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham’s wife.

- Notice that God didn’t rush into healing Abimelech. He told him that Abraham will pray for his healing (v.7). And indeed, Abraham prayed for them and they were all healed. Abraham’s faith was sufficient to heal all of them, Abimelech, his wife and his female servants. This is all the while Sarah was barren.

Genesis 19:29 (NKJV)

²⁹And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that **God remembered Abraham**, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

- In the situation above, God saved Lot and his family out of Sodom because of Abraham’s prayer and faith.

11. Not by Anointing with Oil

Mark 6:13 (NKJV)

¹³And they cast out many demons, and **anointed with oil many who were sick**, and healed them.

James 5:13–15 (NKJV)

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¹⁵And **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.

- The above 2 passages are the only ones in the whole New Testament where anointing with oil for healing people is mentioned. However, Jesus never commanded to heal by anointing with oil, neither we see it used so much after Jesus ascended to heaven.
- Anointing with oil for healing seems to have been more of a Jewish custom. Jesus didn't tell His disciples to anoint people with oil, they did it from their own initiative.
- Anointing with oil for healing is not necessarily wrong, it can work, and as we see in James is mostly used for babes in Christ. However, the method prescribed by Jesus and the whole New Testament is much simpler: lay hands or speak. It's enough. We don't need to add drama to the healing or carry oil to look spiritual.

12. Anointing vs. Power

Exodus 28:41 (NKJV)

⁴¹So you shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him. You **shall anoint them, consecrate them**, and sanctify them, that they may minister to Me as priests.

Exodus 29:4–7 (NKJV)

⁴⁴And Aaron and his sons you shall bring to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall wash them with water.

⁵Then you shall take the garments, put the tunic on Aaron, and the robe of the ephod, the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the intricately woven band of the ephod.

⁶You shall put the turban on his head, and put the holy crown on the turban.

⁷And **you shall take the anointing oil, pour it on his head, and anoint him.**

- Anointing is not power, but it's rather a separation and a consecration for a certain task, i.e. priesthood. There is a physical anointing with oil (like in the passages above) and a spiritual anointing (like the new creation in the New Testament).

1 Samuel 16:12–13 (NKJV)

¹²So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "**Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!**"

¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and **anointed him** in the midst of his brothers; **and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David** from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

Judges 13:24–25 (NKJV)

²⁴So the woman bore a son and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

²⁵And **the Spirit of the LORD began to move upon him** at Mahaneh Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

- In both cases above (David and Samson), the Spirit of the Lord and the power came upon them after they were spiritually and physically anointed or appointed.
- We confuse many times anointing with power and believe that the anointing comes and goes. Or we say things like: "the anointing is stronger or weaker." However, the anointing never lifts.

Judges 16:1–20 (NKJV)

¹Now Samson went to Gaza and **saw a harlot there, and went in to her.**

²When the Gazites were told, “Samson has come here!” they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. They were quiet all night, saying, “In the morning, when it is daylight, we will kill him.”

³And Samson **lay low till midnight**; then he arose at midnight, took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two gateposts, pulled them up, bar and all, put them on his shoulders, and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron.

⁴Afterward it happened that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

⁵And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, “Entice him, and **find out where his great strength lies**, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and every one of us will give you eleven hundred pieces of silver.”

⁶So Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me where your great strength lies, and with what you may be bound to afflict you.”

⁷And Samson said to her, “If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings, not yet dried, then I shall become weak, and be like any other man.”

⁸So the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh bowstrings, not yet dried, and she bound him with them.

⁹Now men were lying in wait, staying with her in the room. And she said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” But he broke the bowstrings as a strand of yarn breaks when it touches fire. So the secret of his strength was not known.

¹⁰Then Delilah said to Samson, “Look, you have mocked me and told me lies. Now, please tell me what you may be bound with.”

¹¹So he said to her, “If they bind me securely with new ropes that have never been used, then I shall become weak, and be like any other man.”

¹²Therefore Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them, and said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” And men were lying in wait, staying in the room. But he broke them off his arms like a thread.

¹³Delilah said to Samson, “Until now you have mocked me and told me lies. Tell me what you may be bound with.” And he said to her, “If you weave the seven locks of my head into the web of the loom”—

¹⁴So she wove it tightly with the batten of the loom, and said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” But he awoke from his sleep, and pulled out the batten and the web from the loom.

¹⁵Then she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where your great strength lies.”

¹⁶And it came to pass, when she pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, so that his soul was vexed to death,

¹⁷that he told her all his heart, and said to her, “No razor has ever come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother’s womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.”

¹⁸When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, “Come up once more, for he has told me all his heart.” So the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hand.

¹⁹Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him.

²⁰And she said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” So he awoke from his sleep, and said, **“I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!” But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.**

- I want us to notice a few things in the passage above:
 - That Samson’s sins (like sleeping with harlots) didn’t affect his anointing and power. He was able to take the gates of a city on his shoulders after he slept with a harlot (v. 1-3)
 - That Samson didn’t look very build up or like having a lot of muscle mass. V.5 shows us how the people asked Delilah to find out where his great strength lied. That means they didn’t see anything in him that would give him strength.
 - The anointing and power has no feeling associated with it. Samson didn’t know when the Lord and the power left him (v. 20). You don’t need to feel anything in order to know that you have power. When the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you received power and it resides in you. Even if you felt something, if you feel it for long enough you get used to it and it becomes normal to you. Sometimes you might feel something physically, but you don’t need to wait for the feeling to act in power.

1 John 2:20 (NKJV)

²⁰But **you have an anointing from the Holy One**, and you know all things.

1 John 2:27 (NKJV)

²⁷But **the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you**, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

- The new creation has been anointed in the office of priest and king. That anointing abides forever because it's in Christ. The anointing or the power or the Holy Spirit will never leave the Christian. It doesn't come and go like in the Old Testament.

13. When Results Are Delaying

- What happens when I lay hands, I command, I pray in tongues, but nothing happens?
- You have to get fed up and determined that the person will get healed no matter what. You continue to pray in tongues and blast the sickness maybe for 30 minutes, 45 minutes, 2 hours as much as you can, until it is utterly destroyed. Don't be afraid and don't have any doubts to command and lay hands multiple times until you see results. That is not unbelief, it's just you sharpening your conviction and faith.
- If you still don't see results, call other brothers and sisters that have the same teaching and faith and minister to the sick together. If you get tired in your faith, you need other people's help.
- Whatever you tolerate, it will dominate you.
- Another way to see results faster is to apply the law of sowing and reaping in healing. You sow healing by ministering healing to others as many as you can. Then you will reap healing for yourself and others. Example: In Genesis 20:17, Abraham prayed for Abimelech and God healed his wife and his female servants because they couldn't bear children. That happened while his wife Sarah was still barren.
- Another possible way of seeing results faster is to watch other people doing, healing, and having results.
- Once you get a few victories, your reputation spreads in the enemy's camp and the following cases will be much easier.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

⁶But **without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- Ultimately, if results are still not showing, you continue to put the word in you, and lay hands on the sick. It is much better to exercise faith in the word even without results, than having no results and not exercising any faith. God will reward your faith.

14. When I Don't Know What to Do

Romans 8:11 (NKJV)

¹¹But *if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you*, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

- There might be times when you feel like you don't know what to do or how to minister to a person. It may be the first time you're encountering a certain sickness.
- The passage above says that the same Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you. The Holy Spirit was the one doing any miracle or healing that was ever done in the world, through people. And that same Spirit dwells in you. So, even if you don't know what to do, the Holy Spirit knows because He's done it before. There's no sickness or disease that He didn't face before. He is in you and He will lead you what to do. He remembers some of the miracles He did before. Sometimes, because He remembers, you might get the feeling that you re-live something that you've never participated in before. The Holy Spirit's mind is connected to your mind.
- If the Holy Spirit was able to create the world and to raise Jesus from the dead, then He will surely know and be able to heal any other sickness or disease.

15. Old Covenant vs. New Covenant Way

- There are people who still practice healing in a way that is Old Covenant mindset, and they get some results, which are usually minor. The success rate is around 20%-30%, which is not good enough, especially for the sick persons, but also for Jesus. Other Christians minister healing through spiritual gifts, but still through an Old Covenant mindset.
- The difference between the Old Covenant mindset and the New Covenant mindset is this: Old Covenant mindset people still have the idea that God is out there, and they have to somehow get to Him and get Him to agree, or get Him to move, or get Him to do something.
- In the New Covenant, we are co-workers with God and joint heirs with Christ:

Romans 8:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and *joint heirs with Christ*, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

- In the New Covenant we are not separated from God in the sense that He is there and we are here. Even though maybe geographically He is there, and we are here, we are together. In the quantum spiritual world there is no distance or space.

Ephesians 2:6 (NKJV)

⁶and raised us up together, and made us *sit together in the heavenly places* in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 1:20–23 (NKJV)

²⁰which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and *seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places*,

²¹far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

²²And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV)

¹²For 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*.

- The heavenly places is the invisible spiritual realm which encompasses the Earth and all the 3 heavens. They occupy the same space and are intertwined together. The spiritual wicked forces are in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6:12), Christ at the right hand of the Father is in the heavenly places, and we (who are on Earth) are also in the heavenly places. We are one with the Father, with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
- The New Covenant mindset eliminates the distinction or the separation between us believers and God. No matter where He is, He is with you. No matter where you are, you're with Him.

1 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord is *one spirit with Him*.

- Whoever is joined to the Lord and born-again is one spirit with Him. We are ONE. So, we need to eliminate this type of thinking "us and Him". It's not us and Him, but WE. We are so joined together.
- You might think that this is just semantics or a play of words, but this is very important, because words create thoughts and thoughts refreshed long enough become mindsets, or strongholds. We build strongholds for the enemy just by using wrong terminology. The wrong words produce the wrong pictures and connections in your mind.
- I hear people say: "without Him, I can do nothing". Ok, that is true, but why are you emphasizing that since you are no longer without Him and you will never be? That betrays your Old Covenant mindset, the separation. Why don't you emphasize the current truth like: "with Him I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". It changes everything. Words locate you in the spiritual realm.

1 Corinthians 2:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" ***But we have the mind of Christ.***

- We have the mind of Christ in us. You can say that all you want, but it will not make a difference until you start acting and talking like you have it.