Katalyst Church



A Revolution of Love

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendour.

- 1. Proclaiming the Gospel
 Spreading the Good News
- 2. Anointing of the Spirit
 Receiving POWER of the Holy Spirit
- 3. Physical Healing (Body)
 Alleviating physical infirmity, sickness and disease
- 4. Deliverance (Heart and mind, body, spirit)
 Confronting Demonic oppression/possession
- 5. Inner healing (Heart and mind, body, spirit)
 Restore wounded hearts Fortify troubled minds
 Emotional, mental or spiritual problem



Introductory Remarks

Healing is a very tangible expression of the Battlefront of the collision of the Kingdom of God - Satan!

God's power undoing what the enemy has inflicted upon people. It rallies, restores and empowers believers to build the kingdom.

And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing <u>all</u> who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. Acts 10:38

When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, "Lord, even the demons obey us **when we use your name**!" Luke 10:17

The name of God is significant in Healing: He does the healing Jehovah Raphe - "The Lord who heals"

It was/is an integral part of the DNA of the Godhead to heal Healing is the majority of our ministry combat world/Satan Complex issue - Pain/suffering (Debilitating, inconvenient, crippling - Function normally - Patronising)



- Jesus was able to heal by exercising His authority, because He knew whom to command and what to command.
- He knew when the sick person needed a deeper faith in Him and how to help the sick person grow in faith.
- He knew whether unforgiveness or other sins were the causes of the sickness and whether the devil was involved in the sickness.
- Jesus rose early every morning to listen to His Father (Mk 1:35), and He prayed into the night on many occasions (Lk 22:39).
- Jesus did not pray for healing but before healing.

 He did nothing and said nothing except what the Father told Him (Jn 5:19; 8:28).

 Jesus gave us authority over all demons and every disease (Mt 10:1)

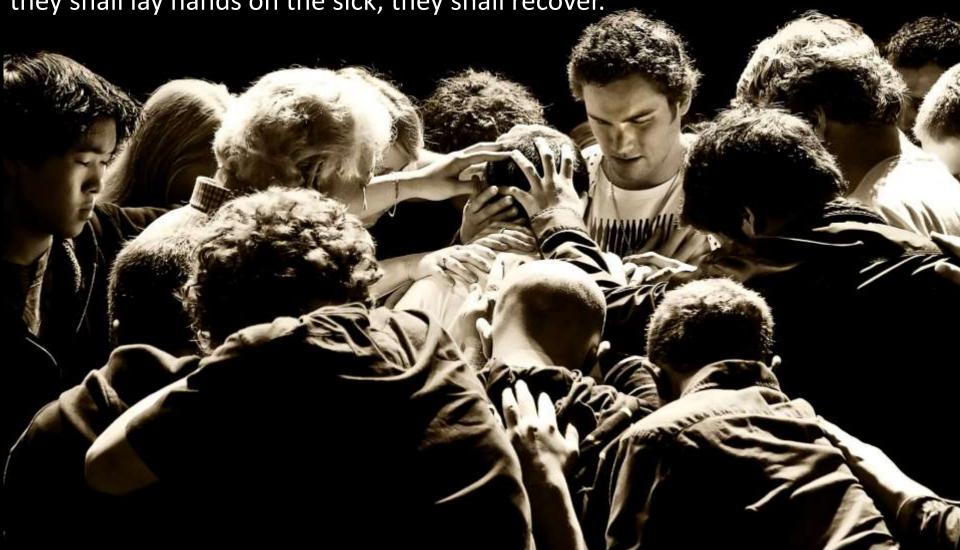
 We can't be in authority unless we are under authority to our heavenly Father. This implies that we take time to hear Him and then obey Him and give commands for healing.

Luke 7: 1-10

The Centurion The Ideal Attitude



And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name they shall cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick; they shall recover.



Our starting point always has to be the bold audacious belief that God does heal and nothing is impossible for Him

If we are not a faith filled people then healing won't occur. I would much rather err on the side of trust/belief (IN JESUS) than to operate from doubt/fear - faint hearted.

- If you don't share the same passion/conviction about healing then don't judge someone because they choose to approach healing with bold sense of confidence
- If you do have a strong conviction/passion about healing don't judge someone because they are not healed or don't share the same assurance.

Our task is to pray believing and let God take care of the rest

- Acts (12:1-2), James (John's brother) is killed by King Herod.
- 1 Tim. 5:23 Timothy had stomach problems and frequent illnesses
- 2 Cor. 12:7 The Apostle Paul had a thorn in the flesh

We must hold room in our theology that not everyone does get healed, but that does not have to govern our theology



Unbelief

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:14-20)

Technique

"However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." (Matthew 17:21)

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard." (Isaiah 58:6,8)

• Sometimes we don't get healed because we haven't aggressively sought God in prayer and fasting.

Perseverance

"And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs." (Luke 11:5-8) "Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart." (Luke 18:1)

- Sometimes we don't get healed because we don't persevere in prayer.
- P.U.S.H. in our prayers Pray Until Something Happens!

Sin - Unconfessed

"Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16)

"Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." ... Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." (John 5:5-8, 14).

Unforgiveness/Bitterness

"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your sins. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your sins." (Mark 11:24-26)

Identity

Sickness/illness has become so familiar in shaping the identity of that person that they become a victim to their own condition.

Gains them attention

Pride

"Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honourable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valour, but a leper... And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy." (2 Kings 5:1,10-11)

Demonic Influence

- "Then Jesus called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases." (Luke 9:1)
- Demons not only cause sickness, but they also hinder healing today. Sometimes it is not a matter of praying for healing, but casting out devils.
- Spirit of Infirmity Luke 13:10-11
- Spirit of Epilepsy Matt 17:14-15
- Spirit of Depression (Heaviness) Isaiah 61:3
- Deaf and Dumb (Mute) Spirit Mark 9:25
- Spirit of Blindness Matt. 12:22
- Sickness is Demonic Oppression Acts 10:38

Lack of Honour

"Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. 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! 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?" And they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour except in his own country..." Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them." (Mark 6:1-5)

• Sometimes we don't get healed because we don't honour those God sends to us.

Expectation

"Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength." (Acts 3:1-7)

 Sometimes we don't get healed because we don't expect to receive anything from God.

Sovereignty

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. Luke 9: 1-3

"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever." (Deuteronomy 29:29)

- Sometimes there is no answer to the question of why we didn't receive our healing.
- Then our response must be, as Job's was: "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21
- God can't always be explained, but He can always be exalted.
- Our job is to pray for the sick God's job is to heal the sick.

Finding God's comfort in the midst of suffering...

"All praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the source of every mercy and the God who comforts us. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. You can be sure that the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ... I think you ought to know about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and completely overwhelmed, and we thought we would never live through it. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we learned not to rely on ourselves, but on God who can raise the dead." (2 Cor. 1:3-9).

- 1. God comforts us in our troubles (and sicknesses) so we can comfort others.
- 2. The more we suffer the more comfort we will receive from God.
- 3. Paul experienced imprisonment, beatings, shipwrecks & more (2 Cor. 11:23-27).
- 4. Paul and Timothy were godly men, but they experienced many troubles.
- 5. Through their experiences, they learned to trust God, and not themselves.
- 6. The now / not-yet aspect of the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is here NOW, but it is not yet fully realized. Now, sometimes we don't see total and complete healing, but when we get to Heaven, we will.
- 7. Just because you're a Christian doesn't mean you won't experience pain.