



Authority to Heal

Mark 5.21-34



We value ministry empowered by the Holy Spirit


Therefore our priority is a
Kingdom lifestyle marked by the
evidence of the Spirit's presence.




Galilean Ministry of Jesus

Some say . . .


- ❑ Truth is based on my ability to reason.
- ❑ Truth is based on my experiences or feelings
- ❑ Real truth is revealed through the God of the Scriptures and modeled for us by Jesus Christ.

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- God's role is to be the truth. Our responsibility is to believe truth whether it feels true or not.
 - If what you believe does not reflect the truth, then what you feel will not reflect reality.

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- People don't always live according to what they say they believe, but they will always live according to what they actually believe.
 - Faith grows as we decide to believe the truth and act on it. You don't feel your way into good behavior. You behave your way into good feelings.



Philippians 2.7 says that Jesus “did not
consider equality with God something to
be grasped, but
made himself
nothing . . .”
or “emptied himself”



Peace means not just freedom from inward anxiety, but that wholeness or completeness of life that comes from being brought into a right relationship with God.



Four Attitudes

- 1) Healing is human being's responsibility
- 2) Healing is possible, but extra ordinary
- 3) Healing is ordinary and normal, but does not always take place
- 4) Healing always take place if there is faith




Faith formula

This thinking is based on the theory that there is a direct causality between faith and healing. It holds those all-divine blessings, such as health and prosperity are constantly and fully available to all Christians who simply believe enough. This is human-centeredness in that faith is defined as the human will to believe. Faith becomes a technique to manipulated the power of God.




The god of “faith-formula”

This god can heal sickness, but awaits some specific quality and quantity of faith to be offered up before healing is released. This god’s relationship with his people is more contractual than covenantal. This god requires a certain amount of human faith-work before releasing his blessings. If blessings are not released, it is because the work has not been done. The function of “faith” is to get results.



Any view of prayer that subordinates the acts of God to the offerings of his creatures, even the offering of “faith” is contrary to the Scriptures. We are never told to claim God’s blessings. We can not bring the Kingdom of God nor even produce evidence of the Kingdom of God through our efforts.




True faith is faith in God and not
in my faith.

The question is not whether or not I believe strongly enough to be healed or pray for the sick, but is God the sort of being I can trust and am I willing to be open to His love?



True faith is tied to hope and love.

Attempting to use power of the Spirit outside the context of love is precisely what Satan was tempting Jesus to do in the wilderness.



True faith for healing can be in anyone
or no one.

There is no universal method or
experience supported by the Bible.



Faith rewarded –

- Woman with issue of blood
(Mk.5.21-34)
- Roman Centurion (Mt. 8.5-10)




Acts of faith required

- Blind man who washed his eyes
(Jn.9.1-41)
- Ten lepers sent to priest (Lk.17.11-19)




No record of faith


- Demonized man in Synagogue (Mk.1-23-27)
- Man with withered hand (Lk.6.6-10)
- Peter's mother-in-law (Mk.1.30-31)
- Dead and dumb man (Mk.7.32-37)



How we behave is drawn from
"experiential knowledge" (that which we
have actually experienced) and not from
logical truth (data believed as truth but
never realized through experience.) The
mind needs to be renewed at the
experiential level of consciousness.



We can only "act as far as we can think."
Our behavior is limited to the data stored in the mind. Therefore, in order to act differently we must be "renewed in our minds." Only the Spirit of the Living Lord Jesus can set us free of the lies we experientially believe.



□ When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9.6

□ I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing.

John 14.12



How are we to minister to others?

Naturally supernatural

- We do not need to shout – God is not deaf.
- We preserve people's dignity by including them in the process and asking them questions.

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- We do not require emotionalism though emotions are God-given.
- We do not manipulate or guilt people into healing
- We do not blame people as any part of the process of prayer





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- As the Holy Spirit leads pray for the person and avoid telling God when or how He should heal.