

Chapter Five

Ministering Healing To Others

Just as there are principles of having faith for healing, there are principles for healing others. We can grow in faith. Sometimes, as we begin to pray for the healing of another brother or sister, the Lord will bring a picture of what is wrong, or a slight pain into an area of your body to which the Lord wants you to specifically pray. Sometimes a simple awareness of a need to pray for a specific need comes to mind. These are all examples of how revelation from God can be communicated as you are ministering healing to another person.

One night at a prayer meeting for example, I was late getting out the door for a long drive home. As I was leaving, a lady asked me to pray for her. Feeling rushed, I placed my hand on her shoulder and began to pray. I knew nothing beforehand of her needs. Immediately the Lord began showing me visual pictures in my spirit. I had not encountered this kind of revelation before, although I have seen it now many times since.

The first picture I saw was a grey fog in her brain. Not quite knowing what to do with this picture, I nevertheless knew the fog was not supposed to be there, and I commanded it to leave. Immediately the picture switched to grey fog in the upper part of both of her lungs. I likewise commanded this grey fog to leave as well. That picture vanished as soon as I spoke to it, and it was replaced by a picture of a brown slime in her right hip joint. Commanding her hip to be made whole, and the slime to leave, I then saw her lower right leg with the same brown slime. But the leg looked like a pirate's wooden peg leg. I similarly commanded the leg to be made whole and the slime to leave, all in the name of Jesus Christ. A few more things were called out and I tried to make a fast exit. After all, I was in a rush to leave!

As I was heading down the stairs, I heard a scream, "It hurts, it hurts!"

I ran back up the stairs to discover this lady pulling up her right pant leg, revealing a polio brace. She exclaimed that the brace hurt and it was then that I noticed she was wearing a shoe-lift to correct what had been a leg that was two inches shorter than the other. But after having prayed a few moments before, the leg had lengthened out and the brace no longer fit. That's why she had pain. She was so excited that her legs were now the same length. God is so good to enable such miracles, and speaking the revelation He gave in the situation enabled the Holy Spirit to act.¹

But I heard the best part later that week as I was attending a conference in a nearby city. A friend of this lady filled me in when she saw me at the conference. She said, "I'm so glad to see you. You'll never guess what happened to that lady you prayed for last Monday." She proceeded to tell me that on Wednesday that lady had been scheduled for brain surgery for a second attempt to remove cancer. They knew it had also spread to her lungs. That's what the grey fog turned out to

¹ *Matthew 10:27* What I tell you in darkness [i.e. in secret], that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.

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be. But when they checked her out a final time before surgery, they discovered that all the cancer was gone from her body. Hallelujah to our King Jesus!

We are often clueless what to do as we begin to step out to minister healing to others. But the Lord knows how to give you revelation that you will understand enough to accomplish His purposes.

One of the best ways I know to learn how the Lord is communicating with you in ministering healing is to partner with another person as you both minister to a third person. God will often give the same revelation needed to both of you, and while you might be grappling with trying to understand the revelation that the Lord is giving to you, often a moment or two later your partner will speak that same revelation forth. In doing so, it confirms to you what you were seeing or hearing in your spirit and were trying to understand. With continued experience, you will learn how the Holy Spirit speaks to you, and how to distinguish His voice. Stepping out of the boat by faith onto supernatural waters often necessitates taking a risk, but how else can God help you to learn how He wants to work in you?

Let me also categorically state that every believer has the same full measure of the Holy Spirit that Jesus Christ has. This is the same Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead (Romans 8:11). I do not believe for a moment that healing the sick, and even raising the dead is beyond the reach of any believer. None of us can use the excuse that someone else has the gift of healing (but not you), because God is no respecter of persons, and He gives the same gift of the Holy Spirit to every born again believer. So if you are born again with the Spirit of God, you can minister healing with the same power of God. Jesus sent out the twelve and then the seventy to prove this very thing – that Jesus gives His people the power and the spiritual authority to heal. Mark 16:15-18 is true for every believer:

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15 And he said to them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

*18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; **they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.***

The text continues on to say that the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word with signs following. Jesus is still doing that today for those who will believe. What do we have to lose by stepping out in faith to minister healing to others? The Lord will not let us fail. The more we do it, the more faith we acquire to operate the Spirit of God within. Why not simply ask Him to help you grow adept in operating the manifestation of gifts of healings? He won't refuse you. He's actually been waiting for you to ask. And if you fail the first time or two, keep trying. Besides, prayer never hurts anyone except the devil.

Learn To Keep Your Healing

Let me share another healing incident. A few years ago I was opening a class on a Saturday morning of a seminar that I teach students on hearing the voice of the Lord. I had just finished praying when a precious sister at the back of the room of about 75 people interrupted. She

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apologized for the interruption, but asked if I could please pray for a little 10 year girl whose dad had just picked her up from basketball practice while he was driving to the class. The little girl had just fallen and broken her wrist. At the basketball court, many parents were hovering around the girl. When the dad showed up, they asked him what hospital he was going to take her to. He immediately told them he wasn't going to one. Instead he was going to where he knew someone had faith to pray.

So he bundled up his daughter, her arm strapped to her side with a coat. She was whimpering with pain. I asked her to come up to the front of the room. I prayed very briefly, and saw the bones being knit back together in my spirit. I spoke what the Lord was showing me. I told the pain to leave and the bones to be knit together in the name of Jesus Christ.² That was it -- about as fast as it took to read the last sentence.

We opened our eyes, and I told her to do something she couldn't do before. So she wiggled her fingers. There was no pain, and that surprised her. So she rotated her wrist, and no pain! Then she raised up her arms and praised the Lord. The whole room erupted in praise to God at seeing His power!

I was then led to teach the little girl and the rest of the class what to do when the devil returned to attack her faith. Satan often tries to steal what we have gained from the Lord. I told her by the Spirit that it would happen that night. The devil is always out to steal, kill and destroy the things we get from God -- the Word in our hearts, our healing, everything. I told her that when her hand starts to hurt again (because I knew the devil would try to trick her faith by giving her a new pain in the same area), it will not be "an again thing" because God had already, very demonstrably, healed her hand. Everyone saw it and she most especially knew it. But the devil is slick. He'll try to introduce a new pain in the same spot that was healed, in an attempt to get the person to think that the tinge of pain is somehow leftover from a faulty healing from God. How terribly quick we tend to revert to unbelief!

All that is needed to undermine a person's faith in the healing they just received is the momentary acceptance of the fleeting thought, "Gee I guess it isn't really healed after all." That's all the devil needs to bring a new sickness to the area that God just healed. By your own thought to doubt God's healing and thereby agree with the tinge of pain through what you are feeling rather than hold to the Scriptural truth, you unintentionally give your spiritual authority back over to satan. In essence, you agree in your heart that God did not really heal the problem. Thus, you are "had" by the trickery of demonic suggestion. Your faith was just stolen and the healing is quickly lost as well.

Are feelings real? They seem so to you and me. But are we not fully able to change our feelings and tell them to obey the Word of God? Do we not have authority over our thoughts and

² A person must learn this in ministering healing – don't ask God for the healing that He has already promised in His Word. To do so is remarkable unbelief of the Scriptures which state categorically that Jesus' stripes have already healed you. This is spiritual truth. Turning this into physical reality is a matter of commanding it into being rather than asking God to do it for you. Therefore, when invoking a written spiritual promise of the Scriptures, speak directly to the physical problem, and command it to obey in the name of Jesus Christ. It must bow, and your words have the authority of the written Word and (if you are speaking in response to revelation you have received) and to the authority of *rhema* revelation Word.

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emotions, and the power to choose to think “It is written” from the Word of God in every situation? Yes!

Satan knows how to steer feelings. His clever use of feelings (both physical and emotional) and suggestive thoughts is why I usually find it helpful to demonstrate proof of God’s healing. I usually invite a person I’ve just prayed for to use the body part we just prayed over – to demonstrate to them God’s healing, so the devil cannot steal it from them the moment it is given.

Lots of believers lose their healing because they forget or entertain thoughts of doubt about the supernatural deliverance they just received. Their euphoria turns to doubt the moment pain tries to get back in. Instead of getting angry and telling the devil to take his pain and get lost, and instead of reminding him what God had already just done and demonstrated, people timidly acquiesce and run from the certainty of faith. They meekly “agree” mentally with the former condition in spite of the miracle healing of God they just experienced.

By failing to aggressively speak out with praise and confirmation of their healing, they fail to establish the miracle healing they just received. Rather than seeing their healing as factual and permanent, they waver, and in wavering they are actually doubting just enough to enable satan to use the spiritual authority of that doubt to cause a similar condition to re-surface.

Faith plummets with “wait and see” agreement, even when the fact of the healing was already just demonstrated, and the Scriptural promises for such healing are unarguable. Such wavering frequently occurs when one’s feelings and human reasoning is allowed to overcome their spiritual faith.

It takes tenacity to put unbelievers out of the room when their unbelief contradicts the promises of God. When Peter stepped out of the boat onto supernatural water as he walked toward Jesus, it was not the initial steps onto the water that caused him to doubt, but the subsequent wind and the waves. So it is with our healing. It is often not the fact of our healing that causes us to doubt, but the winds of other people’s subsequent opinions, and the waves of unbelief from human experience or a twinge of pain which causes most of our doubts. Peter, *O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?*

In the case of this precious little girl, I had taught her to immediately and violently reject any sneak attacks on her faith. Sure enough, that night the devil did try to sneak a pain on her arm. The little girl did tell satan to get lost in Jesus' name. The pain did leave immediately and she has been rejoicing ever since. What a powerful lesson, a tool of faith, she has now to use for the rest of her life!³ Each time we overcome with the Word of God, we gain much more than mere healing.

As I was writing this section of this booklet, a pastor called me for prayer and counsel. During the conversation, I also spoke with his wife, who shared that her back had been hurt while working in a job that involved lifting forty pound boxes of frozen meat at a fast food restaurant. The “accident” happened several months ago, and she had been diagnosed with ballooned discs.

³ Her team coach’s life was also changed. It was a powerful testimony of our mighty God!

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Some months after the original injury she awoke one morning in great pain, and she was unable to move her legs. She has been in continuous pain ever since the incident at work.

As I listened, I knew in my spirit that her pain was not from the lifting incident at work. This was confirmed when her next words described how she grew up with brothers and had always performed hard physical work. Lifting forty pound boxes was something she did all the time at this job, and had never had a problem before. She was not doing anything unusual for her at all.

The Lord told me that the devil had hit her with a word curse (which originated from a jealous co-worker) at the moment of performing an activity for which she would logically presume the obvious and explainable cause – the lifting of the box. She never disconnected from that thought, even though she was entirely used to such activity. Satan is very wily, and often hides his afflictions behind reasonable sounding effects from plausible human causes. The cause was obvious to her logical reasoning - the lifting incident, and the effect was the hurt back, right? No! But we would never think twice about the cause being anything other than the heavy box...unless we troubled ourselves to ask the Lord for revelation about the incident.

Over the phone I led this precious sister in a prayer of repentance for her reliance upon human (often medical) solutions instead of asking God first what to do. Then I broke the curses that had enabled the injury to occur, and spoke healing into her back and her legs. Immediately her pain lessened. We prayed again, and it lessened further. I taught her that she needed to take authority over the problem by speaking *to* the pain, rather than asking God to do it for her. Many believers forget that God has already given us our healing – on the cross (Matthew 8:17; I Peter 2:24; 3 John 2; Psalm 107:20), in the communion bread (I Corinthians 11:23-30), in the written Word (Psalm 107:20), in the revelation *rhema* Word (John 15: 7-8), and as we simply believe (Mark 16:15-20).

Faith has a voice, and it requires us to speak in faith. Asking God for something He has already contractually conferred upon us is not faith. Proclaiming God's word with certitude and faith, and especially His revelation in the situation, is enabling faith.

Within a few moments, the pain in this lady's back was entirely gone, and she learned that she now had a new spiritual tool to use if or when she is attacked again. Hallelujah!

The last command the Lord led me to proclaim over her in the name of Jesus Christ (that wonderful name at which every knee must bow.....and every back, pain, injury, etc.) was to require every evil spirit that had a hand in her injury to be chained in the deep until Jesus casts them into the lake of fire at the end of the age. This honor hath all the saints!⁴ I have found that casting demons into the abyss who have dared to afflict a brother or a sister in Christ is an extremely effective step that intimidates and greatly reduces future demonic attacks. Sound crazy? You don't know how much spiritual authority you really have in Christ, *o ye of little faith*.

⁴ *Psalm 149: 5-9 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; to execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.*

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As possessors and inheritors of the Kingdom of God, being violent with the devil and his endless suggestions, feelings, and stray or uncorrected and un-renewed thoughts is part of our taking the kingdom by force⁵ (Matthew 11:12). The command to lead every thought captive to the obedience of Christ⁶ is a vital part of acquiring the revelation needed in order to gain and keep the healing offered by God. We need to train ourselves to submit our thoughts to God before we automatically follow well worn trails and patterns of thinking, especially in crises. Revelation manna is to be gathered fresh everyday, and every time we need wisdom from above. How foolish we are to do otherwise, especially in matters as impacting as our health.

⁵ Literally Matthew 11:12 reads, *And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence [is overpowered], and the violent [overpowering ones] take it by force [seizing it by pressing into the Spirit per Luke 16:16 and Acts 14:12].*

⁶ *2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

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