

WALKING OUT YOUR HISTORY WITH GOD

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TRANSPARENT AUTOBIOGRAPHY REVEALING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

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CHAPTER 11: Divine Healing

If there is one aspect in our walk with God that many believers (if not most) battle with, it probably would be Divine physical healing. Truth is, we should be walking in Divine HEALTH, rather than try and activate our faith when we are sick! Nevertheless, for many Christians receiving Supernatural healing may be as challenging as Divine financial provision.

Now, firstly let me state it clearly, Jesus made complete provision for both the abovementioned “challenges”. And secondly, if you face one or both of these trials in the natural realm, that does not make you a secondhand Christian, nor bring you under condemnation. Yet, Jesus clearly stated in John 10:10

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly”.

Supernatural physical healing was already evident in the Old Testament and manifested on numerous occasions, even some being raised from the dead!¹ In fact, when the Israelites left Egypt, the Psalm writer stated:

Psalms 105:37 “He also brought them out with silver and gold, and there was none feeble² among His tribes”.

The above verse also indicates that they had no lack (silver and gold)!

Of course, the Prophets prophesied about Jesus, and the famous Scripture that you probably know very well comes from Isaiah 53:

:5 “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed” – *also referenced by the Apostle Peter*: “...by whose stripes you were healed” (1 Peter 2:24).

Experiencing Divine healing has never personally been as easy for me as experiencing Divine provision. Still, I have at least 2 testimonies of that manifesting powerfully in my life, with the last one having happened to me very recently.

¹ Elijah raising the boy from the dead: see 1 Kings 17.

² According to Strong's Concordance, the word feeble in Hebrew is *kashal*, and it means *to totter or waver through weakness of the legs, especially the ankle. It implies faltering, stumbling, fainting. It means to be weak, sickly.*

Around my forties, I experienced some urological difficulty and had medical tests done. The results were not good and the doctor urgently wanted to follow this up.

Then we happened to have a special Saturday evening prayer meeting. During our time together, the Presence of God was tangible! In my mind's eye I perceived a stream of water entering the church. Though I did not physically see anything, the perception was so real, that I literally bowed down to scoop up the water and splash it onto my face!

It is important to mention that I was in awe of God at this point, and that healing was not on my mind at all. Yet, the next moment the realization struck me that I had just been healed. All symptoms had left me and the follow-up blood tests revealed that everything was perfectly normal. The concerning condition no longer existed. That was already many years ago.

The second experience I want to share, is around a rather serious illness that occurred about 6 months before my 70th birthday. I developed severe headaches that lasted for about 8 months, day and night! I was never without pain unless for maybe a few hours after taking high schedule pain medication. In fact, I was taking slow-release painkillers (that were supposed to last 12 hours), but I had to take extra painkillers in-between, just to try and live somewhat of a normal life. The doctors even prescribed different antidepressants that I had to take. I went to all kinds of medical practitioners, but never had any real or lasting relief. In the end I came to the conclusion that this must be a terminal condition and that I had limited time left to live. As it was, I had age-wise, already outlived both my mother and father.

Now, the following is one time that, for one reason or another, I cannot definitely recall the exact moment or environment in which this happened – either during worship at church, or during a prayer time at home. But I clearly heard God's Voice in my mind, saying to me in my mother tongue (I basically never hear God speaking to me in Afrikaans): "I heal you".³ And that was the end of those gruesome headaches! Over a period of a few weeks, I could finally stop using all the prescription medication. Did Jesus carry our sicknesses? I can testify to that!

I am not going to try and explain why we do not always see healing manifestations, but the following few suggestions might be of help:

³ The exact words in Afrikaans "Ek maak jou gesond".

- Emotional pain that we have not dealt with fully can be a hinderance;⁴
- Occult involvement or activities, either by ancestors or yourself (like visiting palm-readers, witchdoctors, attending seances, talking to the dead, playing ouija board, watching violent or horror movies or such games, belonging to a secret organization, etc.);⁵
- Unforgiveness or bitterness;⁶
- Secret sins;⁷
- Lack of fellowship with God;
- Lack of knowledge of God or His Word.⁸ *It is vital that we live “God-conscious”;*
- Unbelief.⁹

If you cannot identify the reason, go to God! He is willing and waiting. He gave Paul an answer after his 3rd request. Remember, God is not the Respector of persons.

3 John 1:2 “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers”.

⁴ Prov. 17:22 “A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones”. A study from the American Psychological Association found that chronic emotional stress significantly increases the risk of heart disease, demonstrating how unresolved emotional pain can have deadly consequences.

⁵ Exo 20:5 “...For I... am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me”. Deut 18:10-11 “There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead”.

⁶ Mat 18:34-35 “And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. ‘So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses’”.

⁷ Joh 5:14 “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’ ”.

⁸ Hos 4:6 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...”.

⁹ Mat 13:58 “Now He (*Jesus*) did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief”.

CHAPTER 12 TO FOLLOW...

My story... Your story?

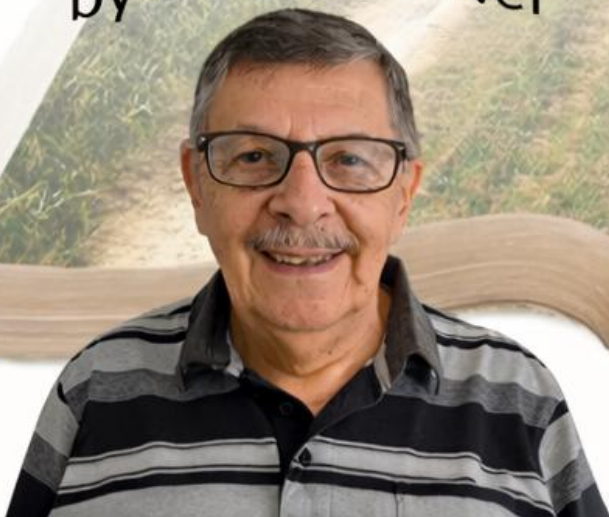
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