



*The*  
**NUTS**  
*&*  
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*Of*  
**HEALING**

**QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

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## **THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF HEALING**

Many people write books about sickness and how they overcame it. Many Christians write books that teach on what the Bible has to say about sickness. This book is a merging of the two. I myself have gone through major illnesses and am here to tell my story but I am also a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and had to live firsthand what I have always taught on the subject of healing.

I have a heart to teach the body of Christ what the Bible says about healing and how to obtain that healing. This book will be no exception. I will tell you about the times that I had to deal with sickness talking in the first person but then I will switch modes and put on my teacher's hat. Not only because the Lord has done awesome and powerful things in me as I walked through these seasons of my life, but also because having gone through the sicknesses and making it to the other side I can be a tremendous encouragement to those who are going through sickness of their own.

To start, I must say that any and all healing comes from God alone, even when He uses doctors or non-supernatural means to heal by. The other thing to note is that as good as the medical professionals can be, they often just treat symptoms or band-aid problems but are not able to truly heal a person. Jesus is our healer. He died to deliver us from spiritual death, disease, poverty and a host of other negative things.

I want you to know that I have experienced this healing Jesus. He is alive today and is still the healer for all those who will come to Him and receive.

### **Diabetes**

The first major sickness I was hit with was Diabetes. It was 1999 and I was NOT expecting it. I was always a large man

but suddenly lost 50 pounds without even trying. Around that time I was feeling *off*, but couldn't put my finger on what was wrong. It got so bad that one day while driving, I blacked out. When I came too, I was still driving and realized that I needed to get myself to the hospital. They performed many tests at the hospital only to find out that my blood sugar levels were EXTREMELY high. They put me on an insulin drip to bring down my sugar level and told me that I would need to go on insulin injections for the rest of my life. When I was told this I remembered my life before I had given my heart to the Lord. All those years ago from 1965 to 1975 I had been a serious drug user; shooting speed into my veins daily as well as doing many other drugs during that period. I started conversing with the Lord. I said, "Lord, I took drugs for over 10 years by needle every day before I came to know You, I cannot take needles every day." Later the doctor came back and saw how well I was doing and told me that I would only have to take a pill every day. Again I had a conversation with the Lord, "Lord, I use to take pills every day, I can't go back to taking pills every day." A little while later the doctor came back and said, "Mr. O'Brien, you are doing so well that if you just watch your diet you will be fine." I was released from the hospital that day healed and delivered from having to take needles or pills for the rest of my life!

## **1<sup>st</sup> Cancer - FEAR**

By the end of 2002, I noticed that I was feeling drained and run down all the time. I had also developed a lump on the side of my neck that would just not go away. Around Christmas time, I went and got it checked out and by January 2003 I was scheduled for surgery. They were not sure at first if it was cancerous so even though during the surgery they would be taking out this lump, they were also doing exploratory surgery. The operation went well but now I had to wait on the *findings*. This waiting period is one of the hardest parts of going through cancer. Treatments are hard too but not *knowing* is brutal. The day arrived when I received the call from the doctor informing me that he had the results. When I arrived at the doctor's office and entered the room, the doctor pulled up a chair right in front of me, got really close and told me

that I needed to get my house in order because I didn't have long to live. In that moment my mind started racing a million miles a minute...every dark thought and possible way out...all my loved ones and everything I still wanted to do ran through my mind. The doctor then told me that they needed to go back in and take out more tissue. No appointments were made. At this point I just needed to get out of there. So much fear was running through me I knew I needed to get alone with God. At that time my wife and I were pastors of a church and without even thinking I drove straight to the church. I knew that if I was going to beat this thing that I had to hear what God was saying. When I arrived at the church I began to pray in the Spirit and worship God. Before long the words, "I know my Redeemer Liveth" rose up on the inside of me...peace... "I know my Redeemer Liveth"...more peace...This went on for some time but by the time I left the church my mind was renewed to God's word. Though in the moment I had peace, this day was the start of an eight month battle with my mind and emotions to finally *believe* what God's word says that "By His (Jesus') stripes we ARE healed."

There were several things that occurred during this eight month period. First, I went down to healing school in Tulsa Oklahoma. Healing school is where sick people go to get ministered to. It's a time of intense prayer and intercession by the ministers there. I was there for two weeks every day. It was like a fire hose of faith and healing and prayer coming at me all at once. While there, the Lord had shown me not to go back in for surgery.

When I came home I called the doctor and told him that I would NOT be coming back in for surgery. The doctors weren't pleased with my decision and reminded me that I was going to die. But God had spoken, and when God speaks we MUST yield to Him no matter how things look with our natural eyes. So I again told the Doctor my decision and did not go back in for a second surgery.

Then the work began...I went into my prayer closet for long, extended periods of time. I would spend whole days in prayer worshiping God and studying the Word of God. I would

also confess healing scriptures over myself for hours every day. This went on for months. Some people do not see the point in confessing scripture over themselves because they liken it to vain babblings or repetitious prayers. But that is not the purpose of confession. Confessing God's Word over ourselves doesn't move God but rather renews OUR minds to God's truth. When our minds line up to what God has already said in His Word then it becomes easier to receive His promises.

During this time I had taken a step back from the church a little bit to really press into God but was still able to be at every service and also still able to preach. During one service we had a guest speaker in. I was sitting up front as usual when suddenly the speaker turned and looked at me and prophesied over me. He pointed his finger right at me and rebuked the spirit of death. This speaker said that in the spirit realm he saw arrows in my neck. Symbolically, he pulled out the arrows. Then he went back to preaching. It was quite an amazing experience. I actually "*felt*" different after that day.

After that service even though I did feel different, I knew I needed to continue to renew my mind from the fear that still gripped me. (It is often not the sickness itself that takes people out but the immense fear, anxiety, and torment that occur in a person's emotions and mind during the sickness that takes them out. We need to keep pushing into the truth of the Bible until even our minds and emotions agree with it.) So off I was again for more time in my prayer closet. This healing was a lengthy process. As I would pray, God would instruct me on many matters. One of which was my lifestyle. During these eight months I ate extremely well, took supplements to help my immune system fight better and followed a lot of practical wisdom from the Lord concerning my physical body.

You can do nothing to add to what Jesus' blood did on the cross. You are saved, healed, justified, redeemed and made right with God through Jesus alone. Even if you never change your lifestyle as the Lord led me to do, you will still go to heaven if you have put your faith in Jesus as your Saviour and Lord. So please

do not take the next chapter to mean that I think I somehow 'earned' God's healing. But this is the story of what I did to get my head and emotions on the same page as my born again heart.

### **God's Your Partner in your Healing Process.**

Remember, you are not in this alone. God is your partner in your healing process. A lot of what the Lord led me to do is things that we should be doing but for some reason as humans we seem to forget to do. For example, we know that we should eat right and exercise and get enough rest. We should spend time reading the Bible and in prayer but often when life gets busy these are the very things we let go of first.

There were also more detailed things that He led me to do. Below is a list of practical and spiritual things the Lord gave me to do while standing in faith believing for my healing to materialize. I believe they can help you.

- 1) Get to know the God of the Bible from the Bible.
- 2) Fight and take the kingdom (your healing) by force.  
Matthew 11:12
- 3) Give God the glory every day. Romans 4:20

1. ***Exercise*** – While sick this can be hard but even just a little bit of exercise can be good. We need to not just lie around all day. Getting up and moving around is a good thing.
2. ***Eating Right*** – Eating well is an excellent way to help your body stay strong and healthy. Learn to understand food groups and what happens to food in your body along with portion sizes. Healthy food is usually more expensive than unhealthy food. I found that I had to budget in and plan to eat healthy. I also prayed for much wisdom in regards to what I should or shouldn't be eating. Stay away from sugar, white flour, too much salt and greasy food because they feed cancer and other sicknesses.
3. ***Sleep*** – Sleep is the time the body can undergo repair and detoxification. Poor sleep patterns are linked to poor health. Again, wisdom to know how much and when. James 1:5
4. ***Rest*** – Rest can be as good as sleeping to restore your body. It is hard to slow down if you are a high energy person even if you are

sick. In the area of rest we need to listen to when we need to rest and not try to just 'push through' everything. God designed our bodies to heal as we rest. Take the time you need to rest and recuperate.

5. ***Staying Focussed*** – Learn about healing and the 'Healer' more than the cancer/sickness. Stay focussed and see yourself healed. Take out a healthy looking picture of yourself, before you got sick or one of your best moments laughing. Some weaken their faith by watching their symptoms. Instead of watching symptoms they should become strong in Faith. God has made His Word the only basis for Faith. Some people defeat their own healing by making their feelings the basis for Faith. It's very difficult to receive your healing from God if you want to do it your way.
6. ***No Distractions*** – Get away from T.V. or other devices. Be careful what comes into your eyes and ears otherwise you will have a constant, intense, mental fight. i.e. Fear, Depression and Anger. Remember, you are fighting for your life and there is no time for distractions.
7. ***Receive, Receive, Receive*** – Let the Word of God become so big in you it pushes out your sickness. Zero in on great teachings. Listen to teachings, watch teachings. Listen to the Bible on CD or some other format. Read your Bible and good teaching books.  
**\*\*Important\*\*** Limit yourself from 2 – 4 teachers and ministers that you can draw from who understand and believe in healing.
8. ***Only Associate with people of like Faith*** – For the first cancer, only my family and 7 other people knew the extent of what I was dealing with and these were all people of like faith. Many people have good intentions but are really not on the same page with you on the subject of healing. Tell them only what they need to know but do ask for prayer from those who can stand with you in faith.  
Be Definite – Be Strategic. Do not have general prayers to deal with a specific sickness. Name it and command it to go. Tell the sickness about God and not always God about your problem.  
e.g. Cancer  
\* According to the Bible cancer, diabetes etc...is not of God. It's part of the curse. Deut. 28:61  
\* But according to Gal. 3:13 I am redeemed from the curse.

\* Therefore I am redeemed from cancer. (Redeemed means to be bought back, pulled out and set free to be all what the Word of God says we can be).  
Over & Over & Over

We are soldiers and we are in a war and we already have the victory in Christ. But we must act on it. Eph.6:12

9. ***Work/Financial Support*** – When sick you often can't work the same way you did while you were well. Ask for wisdom from the Lord for your particular situation and then TRUST Him. He will Supply all of your needs as you get His plan for you. (Phil. 4:19)
10. ***Time*** – Take time...as many hours praying in the Spirit and confessing God's Word over yourself as you can. Many hours each day if you can. If you do not have many hours every day then take as much time as you can take. Try to go deeper with the Lord in the time that you do have because your mindsets must change in order to receive your healing. (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 2:16; Philippians 2:7)

**Your Soul** has a voice but it can lie. e.g. **Your Emotions** : One morning you wake up and you can feel like taking on the world, the next morning you can feel depressed. The Word of God is the only qualified agent to lead you, NOT your feelings.

**Your Intellect**: Don't listen to the stats about how bad cancer is. Just listen to the stats on what the Word of God says.

### **Matthew 8: 16**

**When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick.**

God has not changed His position on this. Heb. 13:8

**Your Will**: Make declarations over yourself. You have to **will** to live and not die. Do not be double minded because it's a killer.  
Psalm 118:17

When first starting out to pray in this manner, it can be hard to know what to pray for. Just *start* and let the Lord lead you one day at a time. Here is a check list to help you.

## The Name:

- YOU MUST BE A SCRIPTURAL BELIEVER, A BORN AGAIN CHILD OF GOD, OBEDIENT TO THE WORD. IF YOU ARE NOT THEN BECOME ONE.
- YOU MUST COME TO GOD, THE FATHER, THROUGH CHRIST.
- ALWAYS PRAY IN HIS **NAME**.
- BE DEFINITE; DON'T INSULT THE FATHER BY INDEFINITE RAMBLINGS, BUT ASK FOR WHAT YOU WANT.
- APPROACH THE FATHER AS A SON – NOT AS A SLAVE OR SERVANT; YOU ARE HIS CHILD, HE IS YOUR LOVING FATHER; HE LOVES YOU, YOU LOVE HIM AND ARE FREE AND HAPPY IN HIS PRESENCE. EPHESIANS 1:3
- IT IS NOT YOU, BUT THE POWER BEHIND THE NAME; EVERYTHING MUST FLEE AT THIS ALL-CONQUERING NAME. ***“HITHERTO YE HAVE ASKED NOTHING IN MY NAME; ASK, AND YE SHALL RECEIVE, THAT YOUR JOY BE MADE FULL.”***

Your chief desire is that He may receive glory so talk plainly with Him. Open your heart, lay down your desires before Him and make your case clear. Let Him see that you understand that your healing is for His glory and the good of others. Then clinch it by making your worthy claim in the *name* of His Son who sits at His right hand, reminding Him of His promise, ***“whatsoever you ask the Father in My Name, He will give it you.”***

## The Divine Advocate:

Now that you have a clear case, the Lord Jesus is there to present your claim. You have by asking in His Name, made Christ your advocate. Now the case belongs to Him.

- BE HUMBLE – SIMPLE PRAYER MADE IN THIS SCRIPTURAL WAY BECOMES CHRIST’S PRAYER. ‘YOU’ DROP OUT OF THE QUESTION AND THE MIGHTY ADVOCATE TAKES YOUR CASE. THIS SHOWS US WHAT POWER WE HAVE UP THERE AND DOWN HERE.
  - BE FEARLESS AFTER THIS; CHALLENGE YOUR MOUNTAIN IN THAT ALL-SUFFICIENT NAME; IT MUST MOVE. SIN, SICKNESS, CIRCUMSTANCES, SATAN – ALL MUST YIELD TO THAT NAME.
11. ***Pray about all Decisions*** – As Christians we need to pray about all decisions. But now you have to be more specific and strategic because the enemy thinks he has you on the ropes. Always pray about what the doctors tell you to do and unless the Lord tells you

differently take the medicine he is telling you to take. Make sure if God tells you not to take the medicine that it truly is Him telling you. Go to your spouse, pastor, and those you trust in the faith for wisdom and advice.

12. ***Enjoy His presence and His glory*** – Four times during times of sickness God walked into my office/bedroom and my first thought was to grab a paper and pen to take notes when all He wanted was to fellowship with me. (Hebrews 4:14-16) It’s about “Relationship.” Some well meaning Christians hinder God and His healing by basing their faith “on their improvements” instead of His Promises.
13. ***Visitation*** – Watch who you visit and who visits you. Not everyone is your friend. Clean yourself off spiritually when you have been with people who are not Christians. (If you are not familiar with this terminology, it simply means to pray over yourself and rebuke the enemy from any spiritual attack he is trying to bring.) The spirit of witchcraft is alive and evil and hates everything about God. We have authority over all the power of the enemy and we need to use it because satan has come only to kill, steal and destroy. (John 10:10)
14. ***Healing is a Process*** – Remember that it takes time to walk out your healing. Unless you get miraculously, instantly healed, it takes time for the ship to turn. You didn’t get here overnight and sometimes it takes a while to turn the ship in the right direction. Keep pressing through in endurance and stay positive.
15. ***Ask others to Pray for you*** – When others intercede for you and with you, it goes a long way. Make sure the people you ask for prayer know how to pray and are mature in the faith so that they will only pray as Holy Spirit leads them and not out of a place of fear or unbelief.  
e.g. ‘If it be thy will.’ **IT IS ALWAYS HIS WILL.** See Is. 53:4-5
16. ***Repentance*** – Judge yourself fairly and often and repent if need be of anything the Lord brings to your attention. This includes forgiving others and not staying offended (1 John 1:9).  
2 Corinthians 13:5 tells us to examine ourselves often.
17. ***Communion*** – Take communion as often as you want to remember the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have a new life through Him which includes physical healing. Remember

to take communion with a clean conscience so as not to bring sickness upon yourself (1 Corinthians 11:28-32).

18. **Sin no More** – John 5:14 “*Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.*” God has a way of making us stand up and deal with the hidden issues of the heart.

19. **Prayer Cloths** – Acts 19:12

Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,<sup>12</sup> so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

The Spirit of God emanating from Paul transformed the handkerchiefs into “Storage Batteries” of Holy Spirit Power. When they were laid upon the sick they surcharged the body and healing was the result.

***This Demonstrates:***

1-The Spirit of God is a tangible substance – a heavenly material.

2-It is capable of being stored in the substance of cloth as demonstrated in the garments of Jesus or the handkerchiefs of Paul.

3-It will transmit power from the handkerchiefs to the sick person.

4-Its action in the sick man was so powerful the disease departed and the demonized were delivered.

5-Both the sick and the insane were delivered and healed by this method.

Matthew 9:20-22 – The was about the woman with the issue of blood for 12 years who touched the “Hem of His Garment.”

Let’s take the shackles off of God. Let Him have a chance to Bless mankind without limitations. Power of attorney – limited Luke 9 Unlimited – Matthew 28:18-20

20. **Mature Spiritually** – Do these 5 things to grow spiritually and mature in the Lord:

- Read the Bible – Study, Meditate on, and Mutter the scripture.
- Worship the Lord – Privately for who He is with a thankful heart.
- Confession – Confess the scriptures that pertain to your situation over and over until you really believe it. Confession is for your benefit. Joshua 1:8

- Fast – Fasting re-enforces the scriptural truth that your old self was crucified with Christ. This is a good thing as our old self was the part of us that was spiritually dead but now through Christ has become alive and new. As you fast you are reminding your flesh that it doesn't dominate you anymore. NOTE: Fasting can be hard on the system so if you are fighting off a sickness be careful with this one and only do it if you feel strong enough to or, are specifically led by God to do it.
- Pray in the spirit (also known as tongues) – This is a powerful tool! The Holy Spirit (The Spirit of Truth) supernaturally gives us a prayer language that helps us understand the mysteries of God and the truth in the Bible. It is a language that is the perfect prayer because we often do not know how we should pray but the third person of the trinity always does and it's Him praying through us! It also helps to build us up on our most holy faith and love and solidify the fact that we are the righteousness of God. When we do we become very strong in the Spirit.
- Be still and know He is God and your loving Father. When I was fighting for my life through the first cancer I couldn't give up. I had to keep on pressing into the truth of God's Word. No matter what happened, I just kept standing...

And then one day it happened...as I was in my room praying, all of a sudden I felt my mind line up to God's word, I felt a whole shift in my body, and *KNEW* that I was healed. I knew it not just in my head but a deep down sense of *knowing*.

It's often said that we need to verify with doctors when we have a miraculous healing so I did just that. I went to get new x-rays to compare to my old ones and it was confirmed that I was healed!

## **2nd Cancer - WEAKNESS**

In 2007 I began to feel very tired. My family noticed that I was getting that 'sick' look in my face again. Because I had been through serious illness before, I knew that something was very wrong so I went to get checked. The results came back that I had a

second cancer. It was in my neck near the previous spot that I had it before. (Later the doctor told me that even though I was cancer free for 5 years; the cells around the previous cancerous area can hold a ‘memory’ of the cancer.) The doctor wanted to operate and wanted to do it fast! But after being through the other illnesses and always seeking God on what to do, I knew I needed to hear His direction for this cancer as well. I told the doctor that I needed one week to pray about it and to seek God. So again I went into a time of prayer. **I ASKED THE LORD, “I KNOW YOU KNOW ME SO TELL ME IF I HAVE THE FAITH TO GO THROUGH THIS WITHOUT AN OPERATION?” HE QUICKLY ANSWERED ME WITH A “NO, YOU DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH FAITH.”** So I called my doctor and had the surgery within a few weeks. Going into the surgery she told me that she would do her very best to try avoid cutting into the nerves that control my face and mouth. When I came out of surgery she told me that she had to remove a cancerous nerve that was near my mouth but that she was able to work around and save the rest while still removing all the cancer. Regardless of having come through cancer once, I really struggled with what to do. I knew the fight that was before me. I remembered the last cancer and the eight months of prayer and fighting to stay alive and I wasn’t sure that I was up for the fight. But then I thought of my family, my wife and kids, and knew that I had to fight and go through with the operation.

*God knows what to do in every situation.* It is easy to look at the decisions others make and pattern our lives after them but it is so important to know the voice of the Lord for ourselves. Each time I have gone through a serious illness the Lord has led me differently each time. We need to follow the Lord’s wisdom for our lives and not presume that God is going to do things the same way as before.

The doctor scheduled to do my surgery was one of the top surgeons in Canada for head and neck cancer. She was also at the top of her field for micro-surgery. Micro-surgery was very important because it involved making the area where the cancer had been to look like nothing had happened. This was no accident

that I had this doctor! I knew the Lord had set it up. I believe that one of the reasons the Lord led me not to have the second surgery in Quebec was because He knew I would later need this surgery because after a second operation they do not operate a third time in the same location. God definitely knows what He is doing!

The date was booked and within a few weeks I was being operated on. My wife, two daughters and son were all at the hospital that day. They tell me it was a long wait. Not because it was many hours or because they were worried but because there was a sense of ‘holding their breath’. I have a great sense of appreciation for the family members of those who have to go through illness. Even though the sickness is hard for those of us who are sick, our families having to go through it all with us is just as hard. I am amazed by the courage and strength of my wife and family through all the years of great sickness.

When the operation was over I was brought up to a hospital room where I would stay for the next few days to recover. When I came to, my family was in my room with me. They stayed for a while but I was still really groggy from the anesthesia and after making sure I was alright they went home for the night.

## **Hell**

That first night in the hospital room was one of the darkest times I have ever experienced. Sometime during the night fear filled my room, and utter darkness like I had never known before. I knew that I was saved and that Jesus was Lord of my life but the spiritual battle in my room was overwhelming. As strong as my relationship with the Lord was, I was not prepared for what I experienced that night. It was as if God had left me (though I knew He hadn’t). That night I felt like I was actually in hell. Again, this is something that I had experienced in 1975 after overdosing on drugs. I left my body and was on my way to hell when I cried out to Jesus for another chance. He heard me and brought me back from hell. (For the whole story of my experience in hell, contact me for the booklet, *‘To Hell and Back’*.) Hell is a real place. It is not just a rough life or a state of mind. The Bible says that hell actually exists and all those who don’t put their faith

in Jesus as their Lord will end up there. The fear was strong that night; the type of fear that makes one panicked, petrified and paralyzed. The level of darkness that night was also overwhelming. It was like an abyss of darkness; so deep and so dark and so real that there seemed no end to how dark it could get. The torment was almost too hard to bear. “How can people spend eternity in this type of fear and darkness?” I asked myself as my heart broke for those destined to hell. And then it was over.

When I woke the next morning I felt stronger than I ever had before that I needed to tell as many people about Jesus Christ as I could. They needed to know that hell existed and that through Jesus there was a way out.

## **The Aftermath**

With cancer, it seems that the big part is NOT the cancer itself but everything that surrounds the cancer. The operation was over and now began all the appointments that take place after going through something like this. At one appointment the doctor said that she wanted me to do a round of radiation. It was a high dose of radiation for 20 consecutive days. This meant driving down to Toronto for treatments, about 45 minutes away, everyday for a month (with weekends off). If I went through with it, they would fit a plastic mask to my face and then screw it down to the table so that there would be absolutely no movement for the duration of the radiation treatment. There were also some serious side-effects that I would have to deal with. I asked the doctor what her expert advice was and she told me that though the surgery was 100% successful, that doing the radiation treatment would guarantee that the cancer would not come back.

Again, I sought the Lord. I sensed the Lord say that it was my decision to make so I had a family meeting and asked my wife and kids what they thought. They all thought I should go through with it even though it would be tough. And that is what I did.

The treatments were tough. How it worked is they would bring me into the radiation treatment room where I would lie down

on a steel, slab bed. The two attendants (nurses) would buckle down my shoulders, place the mask over my face and then proceed to screw the mask down into the table. Once I was screwed down, the medical personnel would leave the room and a huge door, about 8 inches thick, would close and I would be left alone. Sometimes the machine would break down and I would be under the mask for over half an hour.

Even in this season of treatments and illness, the Lord gave me opportunity to help others. One time I was coming out of treatment when I noticed another patient sitting in the waiting room with his face in his hands, weeping. The Lord prompted me to go and talk to him and give him hope so I did. This man was very frightened and not right with God. I spoke to him about Jesus and the peace that comes from knowing Him and right there in the hospital waiting room I prayed with him a prayer of repentance and dedication to Jesus. God can do amazing things through us if we will let Him. He is made strong in our weaknesses. Even that day when I was so weak, the Lord gave me the privilege of speaking to someone about God. And He will do the same with you if you let Him.

After the radiation was over, I began a long season of recovery. This cancer had wiped me out physically but it also seemed to make me stronger spiritually. The main side effect I experienced from the radiation was the extreme exhaustion that I faced for the next 2 years.

## **Hepatitis C - CONFUSION**

After the 2nd cancer I thought I was in the clear. I remember wondering why God wasn't using me more in ministry with everything that I had gone through. The understanding to that question came at the end of 2011. I was feeling very run down again but knew it wasn't cancer. Of course I had learned by this point then when you experience '*that*' kind of exhaustion, to go get checked out by a doctor and that is what I did. The results came back that I had Hepatitis C, an extremely serious disease of the liver. Hepatitis C slowly kills the liver by attacking the healthy

liver cells. Not only was I diagnosed with Hepatitis C, but it was so far along that it was end-stage. Because of this there was no cure. However, doctors had been experimenting for years with different forms of treatment.

The first specialist I went to see told me I was too far along and had too many health problems to do anything for me. So, I got a second opinion. The second specialist was a little leery of trying any treatments but decided he would give it a go. At the very best I was only given a 70% success rate. By this point my daughter, Jody, had gone back to school and graduated as an RPN (Registered Practical Nurse) and because of her experience and knowledge would accompany me on these visits to the specialist. As she went to the appointments she learned that I would be put on an extremely aggressive treatment. It was basically chemotherapy injections weekly and a series of pills I had to take for 48 weeks. I was also NOT to miss a day. The health care professionals said that if I missed, it would jeopardize the whole treatment. The treatment was supposed to isolate the Hepatitis C cells while killing them so that the liver could reproduce healthy cells. Isn't it amazing how God created us?? He created our livers to regenerate themselves! The problem with Hepatitis C is that it takes over the whole liver and doesn't allow healthy cells to form.

I started the treatment in July 2012. It was VERY hard on my body. Even after all the other sicknesses I had gone through, nothing was as bad as going through this. By the end of September 2012 it was as if I were a different person. I was so confused that I wouldn't allow myself to drive. (For some this may seem not too big a deal but you have to understand that I was normally a very good driver who was used to driving through anything).

By October 2012 I had lost a ton of weight. I wasn't really eating much and I slept most of the time. My body was shutting down. Even feeling this bad, I knew I needed to remain positive for my family as well as spend whatever time I could with the Lord. I would confess the Word of God and have teaching tapes on. I flooded every hour I could with God because I knew that God was my only help out of this mess.

By this point my wife Donna had become my caregiver since I was unable to care for myself. She was doing well but by now I could see that the 12 years of sickness I had gone through was taking its toll on her and the family.

During sickness you MUST only agree with the Word of God and NOT speak negative words or words of death (Proverbs 18:21). You must also see yourself healed and whole (2 Corinthians 5:7) because we walk by faith and not by sight. So, during all the sickness I and my family kept our tongues in check and relied on God's strength knowing that without God none of us would have been able to be strong. It is such a benefit to be called a child of God because when we know Jesus, He really does lift us up and comfort us during difficult times.

One night mid-October of 2012 I was lying down on the couch at our house. By this point I was extremely weak and tired. I suddenly started to vomit and became violently ill. I tried to get up off the couch but instead just fell to the ground. I couldn't get up, stand, or walk. My wife was unable to lift me up either and was obviously very concerned by what was happening. She called for an ambulance but I asked her to call my son, Josh, to come and help. When Josh got there he helped me get up and get dressed and walked me out to the ambulance. I am not even sure how I made it out there even with the help of Josh. God was obviously with me. Some might think this is a very strange thing to do but for me it was important. See, my wife and I lived in an older community with older people. Often in that neighbourhood when people were taken away in an ambulance they never returned. I wanted to walk out to the ambulance to make the statement that I would return.

I don't remember much of what happened next. My family has filled me in on a lot of the following details as I was too sick to remember. Upon admittance the health care professionals took me off all medication to try and weed out what the problem was. I had become severely dehydrated and they had to give me an I.V. (Intravenous) to put fluids into me and stabilize my body. The health care professionals did stabilize me but wanted to keep me in

for observation. They discovered that my platelets (which are the ability your blood has to clot properly) were dangerously low and I had to have an immediate blood transfusion.

At first it seemed like I was getting better but there was concern that being off the chemotherapy would hinder the healing of the Hepatitis C. The Doctors at the hospital wanted to talk with my liver specialist to find out whether or not to put me back on my Hepatitis C medication. This took longer than expected and while waiting to hear from the specialist I improved enough to go home. Just before I left to go home, the specialist did contact the hospital and I was told to resume my treatment.

After only a couple of days home and back on the treatment I was hospitalized for a second time. This time I was in another hospital in the Intensive Care Unit. My stomach was extremely swollen because it was filling up with fluid which was poison that my liver was leaking into my abdomen. They drained many litres of this poison from my abdomen. That night in the ICU my wife and three kids were there with me. Normally they only allow two people in the room in the ICU but that night they made an exception for all four of them. I was so frail lying there in the bed and I knew I was extremely sick. My family eventually left so I could get rest with the promise of returning the next day.

At some point that night while I was alone, my liver specialist walked into my room. It was just the two of us...no entourage of nurses or medical personnel; just the doctor and me. The doctor looked sad and guilty and very solemnly told me that he was angry with himself. I asked why and the doctor replied, "Because the medication I have been giving you has been killing you". The doctor then told me that I was dying and that my organs were shutting down. He immediately stopped all treatment and told me to prepare myself for death. He told me that he didn't even think I would make it through the night. Then the doctor left the room.

It is so important to know more about what the Bible says about your situation than what anyone else says about you, even

doctors. This was the 5th time in my life that I was told by a doctor that I was going to die. If I didn't know what God promised me in His Word, then I would have been long dead. Through Christ we can be strong. Proverbs 24:10 says that if we faint in the face of adversity our strength is small. The only way to increase in faith is by hearing and hearing the Word of God. (Romans 10:17) That means to actually keep on hearing the Word of God until you believe it over your symptoms you are facing.

There I was, alone in the hospital and given the worst news you can receive. But something great was about to happen. It was as if something rose up on the inside of me; a new fight and strength that I had not felt in a long time. I knew and could feel the gift of Faith rising up on the inside of me (1Corinthians 12). I had known my authority in Christ for a long time but that night it was as if Luke 10:19 came alive in me which says, *“Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”* In that moment I rebuked the attack of the enemy and KNEW by faith that it was done. I had rebuked the enemy many times before that night but this time something was different. This night I was about to receive a miracle. Normally, I don't speak to the devil. I just tell him to go in Jesus' name but this night I spoke to the devil. I said, “Devil, you have been attacking me with sickness for the last 12 years. I am letting you know that I am walking out of here and I will NEVER be sick again!” The healing miracle had begun and within 2 days I left the hospital.

It is almost comical how fast I was recovering. Again my family came to spend the day with me in the hospital. By that night my immune system was where it needed to be and the doctors were preparing to send me home. The only thing left was to wait upon a specialist regarding my former chemotherapy treatment. We were unsure if she would arrive that night or the next morning but around 8pm that night she walked into my room. She had looked at some test results that they had taken that day and found that there were healthy liver cells present! With healthy liver cells present, my liver could start regenerating itself. When she left we were filled with excitement. God had done a work! It

was too late to be discharged from the hospital that night but the following morning I went home.

Right after I was released from hospital, the doctor wanted to give me an eight month prescription of heavy drugs to fight off any poison that may have still been in me. I didn't take it. He argued with me but I knew I was healed and didn't need them. He had the 'facts' but I was standing on the 'truth'. God had healed me...again. **REMEMBER, IT'S EXTREMELY UNWISE TO STOP TAKING YOUR MEDICATION AND GO AGAINST YOUR DOCTOR'S ADVICE UNLESS YOU KNOW THE LORD IS IN IT.** Again the Doctor has the facts and he is not there to hurt you but God has the truth.

### **Philippians 2:9-11**

<sup>9</sup> Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

<sup>10</sup> That at the name of Jesus **every knee** should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

<sup>11</sup> And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Every knee** has to bow including sickness at the name of Jesus. But, our part is to believe and obey. NOTE: It's very difficult to receive a manifestation of healing from God if you want to do it your way because it's **your faith in Him** that sets "His" healing power in motion.

### **Acts 14:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> And there they preached the gospel.

<sup>8</sup> And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

<sup>9</sup> **The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,**

<sup>10</sup> Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

My daughter, the nurse, now calls me an anomaly which means, '*something that deviates from what is standard, normal or expected/ peculiar/abnormal.*' I don't mind. God's ways can't be coined as 'normal' anyway!

This happened in November of 2012 and in the fall of 2013 I received my one year test results back from my doctor. There was no detection of Hepatitis C. I had been telling my GP (general practitioner) that I was healed ever since that night in the hospital but the day that the test results came back the doctor looked at me and said, “You are totally healed!” I simply responded, “That’s what I’ve been saying all along Doc.” I knew I was healed that night in my hospital room but now I had documented proof that God healed me. And not only were my results good, they were above average and better than most! There was no sign of sickness at all. All of my organs and blood were and are totally healed! All in all, I was very sick for 6 months before this miraculous healing took place.

### **Faith for Healing**

Though there have been miraculous healings in my life, there have also been healings that have taken longer to walk-out. But no matter which way it went I still needed to have unshakeable faith in the God who heals. His name is Jesus and He wants to heal us. In fact, He already accomplished the work on the cross. All we have to do is dare to believe and receive it from Him.

I know that there are those who would ask, “But if God is the healer than why am I still sick?” Or “why did so and so die?” I cannot answer those questions except to tell you that no matter what things look like, we must believe what the Bible says about who God is even when we don’t understand the situations we are in. Even if I had died that night in the hospital, I would have died confessing that Jesus is my healer because that is who He says He is. For me to try and make God fit into my understanding is futile and immature. Instead I choose to put my trust in God regardless of what my eyes see.

And though it might sound right to say that it is the Lord’s will that people be sick and die I know it is not. The Bible says that Jesus has come to give life and to give it to the full. It says that every good and perfect gift comes from the Father and that if we as earthly parents know how to give good gifts to our children,

how much more would our heavenly Father give good gifts to those of us who ask. I wouldn't give sickness or death to my children so why would our heavenly Father give those things to us?? The answer is He wouldn't, especially after His only begotten Son died to free us of those things. It would be working against Himself to deliver us from sickness and death and then put it back on us. God doesn't play games.

I also know that having unshakable faith and trust in God is a BIG part of healing. If we have hidden compartments of our hearts where there are shadows of unbelief, it will be very hard for us to overcome sickness and believe by faith that we are healed.

The highest form of faith is faith in God's Word and its' authority alone. It is not faith to always be seeking a physical 'sign' or 'manifestation' before one believes. The person who walks in faith in the Word and not by sight requires no evidence of the senses. His proof of healing is based on faith that the Word of God is true far more than anything he can see or feel.

We must come to Jesus knowing that He is our healer, whatever the cost. That is what the woman with the issue of blood did in the account below.

### **Mark 5:25-34(KJV)**

*“And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.”*

This passage tells us that this lady had suffered for 12 years with a deadly sickness. We need to remember that sickness is not our friend.

Sickness is a curse. God does not want us to be sick.

Sickness is pain and weakness.

Sickness is loss of ability to bless and help.

Sickness makes slaves of family members who care for their sick loved ones.

Sickness causes people to be up night and day.

Sickness robs people of sleep.

Sickness robs people of joy and peace.

Sickness is fertile ground for fear and worry. (*What will I do when so and so is gone? Etc...*)

Sickness is not of love and the Bible says God is love.

Sickness is a thief and a robber, stealing health and happiness.

Sickness steals money that could be used for better things.

Sickness is not a friend. It is an ENEMY!

Even medical science realizes that sickness is our enemy. That is why they go door to door or call our houses trying to raise money to help cure different illnesses. If medical science and doctors (including naturopathic doctors) have concluded that sickness and disease is our enemy then why doesn't the church know it and act against it??

The truth is that Jesus bore it all on His body for us the day He was crucified.

#### **Isaiah 53:4-5**

***“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”***

If healing wasn't God's plan then Jesus never would have healed that woman who had the issue of blood. But healing IS

God's plan. Our response to Jesus should then be the same as the woman's...

- Believe – she believed Jesus was the healer.
- Confess – Her confession was 'If I may but touch His clothes, I shall be whole'.
- Act – She had to reach out and touch Jesus. It was an act of faith for her to be in a crowd with the sickness she had because in those times if anyone had found out it would have meant her death.
- Receive

Some Christians back off and become afraid when they or their loved ones get a bad report. We need to become fearless in faith. Step up to the occasion. It's time to see it as an opportunity. Never quit or give up. Take our position in Christ, and deal with any and all sickness just as if it is under our feet and not over our heads. Because if sickness is our enemy as already discussed then we know where it comes from, the devil. And since satan is under our feet then we know that whatever he brings is under our feet as well!

We need to be relentless and fearless and hold onto our confession of faith especially when symptoms persist because our faith keeps pace with our confession. The Word has been given to straighten out our thinking. We must get our thinking in line with the Word of God. But, you cannot believe beyond your knowledge of the Word. The only way to fix that is to get the Word of God into you.

### **You have been Redeemed from Sickness**

Sickness and disease is under the law. Deuteronomy 28:61 says, *“Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.”*

But, Galatians 3:13-14 tells us that Jesus became the curse for us and redeemed us from the curse of the law. *“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the*

***blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”***

Jesus Christ *IS* our substitute. He didn't just die for our sins, He became our sins.

The great story of the crucifixion is not just that Jesus died but what He accomplished through that death. At Calvary a great exchange took place. Jesus became all that we were; sickness, disease, spiritual death, and so on, in our place. When He died and rose again, He defeated death and became the first born from among the dead (Colossians 1:18). What does that mean? It means that when He took our penalty and bore all of what we were that as we put our faith in Him we are now able to receive all that He is. This is awesome news because it means that not only did He defeat sin, He defeated sickness as well.

Healing is the Children's bread. If you are a child of God it is your right by virtue of redemption to be able to receive from your Father's hand. Redemption isn't something we do. Redemption is what Jesus did.

### Redemption means:

1. To buy back – Jesus paid with His blood to buy us back from the enemy who stole it from Adam and Eve in the garden. Through His blood, Jesus made it possible that as we accept Him we become righteous. This makes us in right standing with God. (2 Cor. 5:21)
2. To pull out – Jesus paid the price to pull us out of Satan's grip. 1 John 3:8 ***“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”*** And to make us sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Since Jesus is seated at the right hand of God and we are in Him, then we too are seated with Christ at God's right hand. ***“And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” Ephesians 2:6 “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19***

We are not to be afraid of the devil because God has given us authority over him and this authority comes from being in Christ. He pulled us out of the devil's grip.

3. To set free – It is for Freedom that Christ has set us free no longer to be subject to a yoke of slavery. We become part of His Divine Nature.

### **2 Peter 1:1-4**

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup> According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

<sup>4</sup> Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

We can be everything that the Bible promises us to be.

Eph. 1:3 / Eph. 2:6 / Phil. 4:13 / Rom. 8:17, 32 & 37 / 2 Peter 1:4 / Is. 53: 3-4

## **Hindrances to Healing**

This list is not exhaustive. However, these are some of what I have experienced personally. There are things that can hinder us from receiving the healing that Jesus died to give us. The healing problem has been addressed 2000 years ago on that old wooden cross when Jesus Christ became sin and bore my sickness for me.

### **1) It's not God's Will to Heal:**

One lie that the enemy (the devil) has woven into the church is that it isn't always God's will to heal us. But that isn't so. Sometimes healing doesn't manifest the way we think it should but that doesn't change that God wants us healed. If we believe this it becomes a snare to us and makes it almost impossible to receive

our healing. To combat this hindrance we need to believe that it is always God's will to heal us and that He WANTS us healed.

### **Luke 11:1-2**

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

<sup>2</sup> And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. *Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.*

There is no sickness in heaven so it is God's will that there be no sickness on earth. The church invented, "If it be Thy will," NOT GOD.

### **Matthew 7:7-11**

**"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"**

God is a good Father and wants us healed.

### **John 14:12-15**

**"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments."**

As Children of God we can ask of the Father in the name of Jesus and receive what we ask.

### **Matthew 8:16-17**

**"When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His Word, and**

healed **ALL** that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, **Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses**”.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. If it was His will to heal back then, it is His will to heal today. The Father wants us healed. How do we know that? Because, Jesus only did what he saw the Father do. Since Jesus regularly healed people it had to have been the Father’s will.

## **2) You are Being Sanctified by this Sickness:**

**John 17:17**

Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth.**

The WORD is our sanctifier not sickness.

## **3) God gets Glory in your Sickness:**

Another hindrance is, believing that God gets glory for our sickness. If this is true then why didn’t He put sickness on Adam and Eve in the Garden? If sickness gives God glory then how come it is not listed as one of the blessings of God?? What would a parent do if their child got sick with cancer and was not expected to live? Would they thank God for it? The truth is that sickness does NOT bring God glory at all. The scripture that is used for this teaching is found in John 9:1-3 which says, **“And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.”**

What people do not understand about this passage is that it refers entirely to Jesus proving that He was the Messiah. It is what is called a messianic healing. In the Jewish laws and traditions, the religious leaders of the time knew that only the Messiah would be able to do certain miracles. One of such miracles was healing someone blind from birth. Others had healed those who had gone blind but no one had healed someone who was blind from birth. God did not get glory in the sickness but rather in proving that Jesus was the coming Messiah that they were all waiting for.

Since we know that Jesus is our Messiah (the sent One) He no longer has to prove that He is. Rather, Jesus says of Himself in Luke 4:18,

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”**

You cannot be a good witness if you are full of cancer or disease. This is an insult to God. John 10:10 He is the redeemer, NOT US. Through Jesus we know that He wants to heal us and that it brings Him glory when we are well and walking in that healing.

#### **4) Many say that Jesus Ministry of deliverance and Healing was from the devil:**

Religious people call it, “The Prince of Devils.”

#### **Luke 10:19**

<sup>19</sup> Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

#### **1 John 3:8b**

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

#### **5) Or Healing is Not for Today:**

He said continue His work.

#### **Mark 16:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

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

<sup>17</sup> And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

<sup>18</sup> 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.**

<sup>19</sup> So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

<sup>20</sup> And they went forth, and preached everywhere, **THE LORD WORKING WITH THEM, AND CONFIRMING THE WORD WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING. AMEN.**

**6) Or it's Only for Some and Not for Everyone:**

If God chose one over the other, He would be chargeable with being a respecter of persons. He has no favourites.

**Romans 2:11**

For there is no respect of persons with God.

**2 Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

*The Lord is not slack...* After Jesus died for all of us and any and all sicknesses some think we have to try to persuade Him. Jesus did not make it a hard path to get on, "WE DID". **This healing was taken care of 2000 years ago.**

**7) Unbelief:**

Unbelief is another GREAT hindrance to healing. People come up with many reasons why they think God has not healed them or their loved ones. Those who come up with excuses are trying to reason out what they perceive of God to be true instead of relying on what the Bible says about God. Remember, that even if we don't understand what is happening, we must still believe that God is our healer. This includes some pastors and church leaders. Their doctrine and tradition is based on their training and experience and not on what the Word of God says. But thankfully there are many who do believe in divine healing.

Often our 'experience' overrides the Truth. The Truth is that Jesus is our healer but our experience may say something different. Which are you going to believe?? If you believe your experience over the truth you will have no choice but to start coming up with all the reasons you think you are not healed. Even these little doubts in our hearts are unbelief.

Unbelief doesn't have to be a big glaring problem. In fact it is usually the little areas of unbelief that trip us up. It is this kind

of unbelief that we need to start dealing with. I have found that the best way to deal with this kind of unbelief is to spend extended periods of time in prayer and confessing the Word of God. Renewing my mind to God's truth over what I was experiencing saved my life because it brought me to a place where I believed God's truth over what I felt. If you have gone through any sickness at all you know that you feel awful. If I had stopped there I would be dead. But, as I spent time with Jesus, these little doubts and unbelief left and I was able to receive.

### **8) The Affliction is from God Because of “your” sin:**

A common belief in the church today is that the affliction is coming from God. This is another hindrance that needs to be dispelled. So what about “their” sin? If that’s the case they better be careful.

#### **Romans 3:23**

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Jesus never required anyone to repent or change before He healed them.

#### **Isaiah 53:4-5**

<sup>4</sup> Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

In the Gospels, we see times when Jesus heals certain people and then, AFTERWARDS, gives instructions or direction so that nothing worse comes upon them. Depending on our situation, there may be times when He does the same with us.

Our Father loves to work on the root cause of our problems he especially loves to show us how to avoid problem areas before we encounter them and even how to remedy problems we bring on ourselves. Therefore, a great deal of His leadership in our life will deal with the steps necessary for our spiritual growth and maturity, the mortification of the things in our soul that don't line up with His Word, our love walk, and so on.

Another reason people believe they are being punished because of their sin is that they take Hebrews 12 out of context which talks about the chastening or discipline of the Lord. Whenever we read the Word of God, we must take the whole text in context. The chastening here is NOT sickness but rather God dealing with the strongholds in our lives. Since sickness is a stronghold, why would God use it to chasten us when the very reason for the chastening is to get rid of the strongholds? It doesn't even make sense but again, people are trying to figure out why they are in the situations they find themselves in and have decided that God must be the One putting the sickness on them to teach them a lesson. You as a parent would never put sickness on your children to teach them a lesson. This would be ludicrous. Neither would your heavenly Father. If God is the one doing the afflicting then why ask Him to remove it? If you believe God is putting the sickness on you then you shouldn't even ask Him to remove it from you. No, sickness is NOT from God. He is NOT the one afflicting us.

### **9) Or You're Not One of Us:**

In the account of Matthew 15:21-28 the Syro-Phoenician woman was of no **“denomination”**. She was not a Jew and did not have a covenant with God. However, she believed, she spoke, she acted, she received and she worshipped Jesus.

Your faith in Him will get you healed. Your faith will also get **your poverty and lack** out of a wheel chair. God wants to heal you so much but the problem is that so many **DO NOT** know how to receive. “Substitution / Identification” He was our perfect substitute so that now we can identify and receive all He did for us.

### **2 Corinthians 8:9**

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

### **10) Another Misconception is that Tradition has Hindered the Ministry of Healing:**

It's the teaching that Jesus healed the sick as the Son of God, not as the son of man. So these teachers believe that because

we are not Christ we can't expect such works today. Men continue to make excuses when they have prayed for someone's healing and it didn't manifest. But, the scriptures say that He emptied Himself and became like His brethren in all things except sin. He speaks of Himself as the son of man about 80 times.

**Mark 7:6-13**

V9 "And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition."

**Exodus 15:26**

And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

So where does sickness come from? Ultimately from satan. The Bible says that satan comes only to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). He wants to steal everything from you that Jesus died to give you. He wants you dead. He wants you destroyed. He works overtime to take your health from you.

There may also be times you get sick because you are being unwise. If you eat poorly, don't sleep properly or get exercise most likely your body will not be in top form to fight off germs. As we spend time taking care of ourselves we can avoid even getting the common cold.

Taking care of ourselves is not just about eating right and exercising. It is about maturing in the Lord and growing spiritually too. As we do what the Lord is leading us to do in our daily lives we will walk in better health.

If we assume God will take care of our bodies while we treat it like a garbage can, we may be very disappointed. It would be like having a diet of sweet cakes and soda pop and then wondering where God was when you got sick.

Since we are all different, God will give us each a plan that will work for us if we will dare to ask Him. He knows all about us,

even the hidden things and will instruct us accordingly. Be open to hear what He is saying and then yield to His direction.

Healing demonstrates the power of God over the devil.

### **John 10:10**

**“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”**

When we walk in healing we are walking in abundant life. There is power in the resurrection life that Jesus died to give us.

### **John 8:31-36**

**“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth forever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.**

There is power in the freedom that Jesus died to give us.

### **Why Fight?**

The Lord loves you and wants you healed. Not only is healing a good thing but when we are healed we can also help others. Our world is full of people who are always thinking of themselves. We must combat this kind of selfishness. There is a great harvest of souls to gather into the kingdom of God and they need someone to tell them about Jesus. Matthew 9:37-38 says, **“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”**

If we are sick in our bodies (and even our emotions or minds) we will not be able to impact the world the way we could if we are well. It is important to be healthy so that we can minister to others.

We must fight for those around us. For those who are lost. For family members who still need us in their lives. We must fight because as children of God it is part of our inheritance.

## **A Life of Health**

At this point in my life I am extremely grateful to the Lord for what He has done. What an amazing joy it is to live totally free from sickness and pain. God's love and power redeems us from sin and sickness. Roman 5:5 says, 'that the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit'. This love grows in us and becomes BIGGER than the sickness in us. We cannot spend time with God without it affecting our whole being, spirit, soul and body.

I am not only healed but I finally look healthy now too. I have gained back the weight that I had lost, have my appetite back and am stronger than I've been since before the first cancer. And, only about 4 months after my near death experience with Hepatitis C, the Lord began opening doors for me to travel and minister everything I have experienced in life and to testify of God's goodness. God knew that I had one more health battle to face so He kept me from going out too soon. God's timing is so precious. And His ways are best even when in the moment we don't understand what's happening. But now that all the sickness is OVER and DEFEATED, doors are opening everywhere. My hope is that I can teach that you can overcome anything in life through the strength of Jesus Christ. My heart is to bring glory to God and not to myself as He alone is the One who deserves praise.

Remember, every time I faced illness, I spent MUCH time in prayer and confession of God's Word – even when I wasn't feeling well. All together over those 12 years I spent 3 years (9000 hours), praying everyday and in the Word of God. I still pray and confess His Word much. It has become a way of life. With each major sickness there was a new battle. The first cancer brought much FEAR. The second cancer brought much WEAKNESS (to the point where I couldn't even lift my arm above my head.) The third sickness, Hepatitis C, brought much CONFUSION. With

each sickness I had a choice to seek the Lord on His exact instructions for each situation. I had to choose life. Then I had to come at each sickness with the Word of God and spend time renewing my mind to His Word so that I could receive what Jesus had already accomplished. I made the choice to fight and the Lord was with me through everything.

**Hebrews 11:6**

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

It is so awesome to know that we serve such a BIG God who is still in the business of performing His Word and healing and touching lives. God wants us well and has great plans for us. I trust you too will choose life and walk with Jesus every day. Then you will see the salvation of the Lord and come out healed on the other side.

*I would like to thank all the members of my family who helped me put this book together.*

## **Prayer of Salvation**

Before you can be filled with the Holy Spirit and receive His supernatural gift of tongues, your human spirit must be born again in Christ Jesus. Without the new nature that sets you free from sin, the Holy Spirit has nothing to work with.

Do you believe that Jesus actually died for your sins and rose again to give you new life? Would you like to receive Him as your Lord and Saviour right now? If so, please pray the following prayer from your heart:

**Dear Lord Jesus,**

**Please come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I want to receive you as my Lord and Saviour. I want to be born again.**

**I receive you now as my Lord and Saviour. I receive God as my Father.**

**Thank You for saving me. Amen.**

Welcome to the family of God! Please write us at the address on the back cover. We would like to hear about your decision for Christ and want to help you get started in living a victorious life as a child of God.

## **Prayer To Be Filled With the Holy Spirit**

If you are reading this book and have never been baptized in the Holy Spirit, it is a simple matter to receive this precious gift. All you have to do is just ask in faith for the Lord to fill you with the Holy Spirit and give you the gift of speaking in tongues.

When you do that, the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and you will sense His Presence. Immediately the Holy Spirit will move into your new nature and begin to create a language on the inside of your spirit. When He does, your tongue and mouth will begin to shape the same words He is creating inside.

Now pray this prayer from your heart:

**Heavenly Father,**

**Your Word says that You are faithful to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask You (Luke 11:13).**

**So in the Name of Jesus, I ask You to please fill me with the Holy Spirit. I thank You for giving me a new language. I believe I receive it now. Amen.**

After you have prayed this prayer, don't speak your native language any longer. Yield yourself to the Presence of the Holy Spirit, and begin to speak out those words that you don't understand with your mind.

It may sound a little like baby talk in the beginning. But as you continue to yield yourself to speaking the words the Holy Spirit gives you, you will begin to pull more of a flow out of your spirit. Soon you will be speaking fluently in your new, supernatural language. Continue to pray in your new language for at least fifteen minutes to establish yourself in this gift you have just received.

You have reason to rejoice! You have just entered through the doorway that will lead you into the supernatural realm of God!

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